



# ANGER GROWS AS CAMPUS TO CLOSE

BY JACK AVERTY

**TWO prospective MPs have joined the outcry over the imminent closure of South Staffordshire College's Cannock campus as furious parents set up a petition demanding it stay open.**

The Conservatives' Amanda Milling and Labour's Paul Dudge, who are vying to become the Cannock Chase MP on June 8, have both met with representatives of the college in the wake of last week's shock announcement.

At the same time more than 520 people have put their names to a petition calling on the closure to be halted, saying students cannot afford and do not have the time to get to the other South Staffordshire campuses.

The college announced last week that it was to close the campus and move the courses, including music and hairdressing, to its other campuses in Staffordshire. The college has been battling financial difficulties for a while. 7/7 London terror attack hero Mr Dudge said: "Obviously it is disappointing news that a college that has been part of Cannock for many years is now going to leave the town.

## Support

"It is incredibly disappointing for not only the students but for Cannock, the campus has been a focal point of the town centre and that is going to be lost. I met with the principal of the college briefly the other day to discuss the welfare of students and the provisions made for transporting current students to other campuses. I will keep in regular contact."

Conservative candidate Ms Milling, who was MP for Cannock Chase between 2015 and 2017, said: "The college has stated that they are trying to maintain a presence in Cannock town centre. I will support the college in any way I can to ensure that a financially viable solution can be found to ensure they remain in the centre of Cannock and I will be writing to the district council asking that they do the same."

"I am pleased that South Staffordshire College has assured me that it will be providing transport to the other campuses for existing students, and this summer's new intake, for the remainder of their courses."

College spokesman Jamie Smith said: "The petition focuses on transport issues and South Staffordshire College recognises this. The provision of free transport to all currently enrolled learners and Cannock campus applicants from the district will apply immediately and for the duration of their time with us, to ensure a smooth transition to the appropriate campuses.

"We will also be adjusting timetables to accommodate the changes in journey time in response to learner demand."

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## OUTLET VILLAGE IS SOLD – BEFORE WORK STARTS



Tree-lined pathways, rows of shops and restaurants and hundreds of car parking spaces feature in this mock-up of the Mill Green complex

CANNOCK'S new designer outlet village has been bought in a multi-million deal before even a brick has been laid.

The site of the proposed Mill Green Designer Outlet Village has been sold by U+I in a deal believed to be worth about £20 million.

New owners McArthur Glen will now work with Aviva and the Black Country-based Richardson family on a funding deal which will see £120m ploughed into the development.

McArthur Glen, which runs 24 outlet villages, will operate the 278,000 sq ft development, which will include 130 designer outlet shops, restaurants and 2,000 car parking

spaces. Work was due to start this year but new indications show this will now be in April next year. Opening is expected in late 2019.

A second phase is being considered, according to sources close to the deal.

The scheme won consent in November 2015 and plans were given the green light by Secretary of State Greg Clarke in January 2016.

Former owner U+I remains an investor in the Cannock project alongside development partner Rioja Developments.

A spokesman for U+I and Rioja said: "We are very much on track with our development plans for the Mill Green Designer Outlet

Village. Having worked alongside the local authority for the last few years, we are committed to bringing this development to fruition.

"As is often the case with developments of this kind, discussions are taking place with potential funding partners in order to take the project to the next stage."

McArthur Glen is a major company in the world of outlet villages, running sites such as Cheshire Oaks as well as others across Europe and in Canada.

The Richardsons are famous for creating the Merry Hill shopping centre.

## WASTE

### Help needed in fight to stop fly-tippers

COUNCIL chiefs have urged people in Cannock Chase to help fight fly-tipping.

The call comes after a Staffordshire-wide group set up to tackle fly-tipping highlighted high-risk sites in the county.

The group is made up of representatives from local councils, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, Staffordshire Police, the Environment Agency, the DVSA and Highways England. Tony McGovern, managing director for Cannock Chase Council, said: "The disposal of illicit waste is becoming a serious issue within our district."

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## ROADS

### Pothole spending could reach £5m

UP TO £5 million could be spent on fixing thousands of potholes in Staffordshire this year, Tories say.

Councillor Philip Atkins, leader of Staffordshire County Council, said £3m had already been committed to repairing the county's roads in 2017 and the authority would now try to secure a further £2m from 'capital receipts'.

However, Susan Woodward, leader of the Labour and Co-operative group on the council, said the state of the roads would remain a key issue.

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## VIOLENCE

### Weapons crimes at highest for five years

CRIMES involving weapons in Staffordshire have reached their highest level for five years, new figures show.

More than 2,000 crimes involving weapons were carried out in the county between 2012 and 2016 but the figures peaked last year with 447 offences.

The total figure of 2,065 crimes committed in the five-year period includes 86 incidents of people being threatened with a blade or sharply pointed article in a public place. These figures also peaked in 2016 with 24 offences – compared with 18 the year before – and show that knife crime is on the rise in the county.

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# Mayor's 'urban agenda rebirth' pledge



Andy Street - 'inclusive plan'

ANDY STREET hailed 'the rebirth of the new urban Conservative agenda' as he won the race to become the first ever West Midlands Mayor.

The Tory candidate edged home ahead of Labour's Sion Simon in a tight contest that was decided on second preference votes, after the two leading candidates were initially split by just one per cent.

Former John Lewis boss Mr Street, aged 53, eventually won by 3,766 votes in an election that saw a better than expected turnout of 26.68 per cent.

Triumphant Mr Street said his win

signalled a sea change in British politics which would see voters in traditional Labour heartlands turning towards the Tories.

He said he would settle for his small margin of victory 'given the traditional voting patterns across the West Midlands' and added: "We have won by reaching all communities and putting forward a very moderate, tolerant and inclusive plan.

"This is the rebirth of the new urban Conservative agenda."

Lib Dem Beverley Nielsen came third on 30,378 votes, UKIP's Pete Durnell

was fourth with 29,051, while Green Party candidate James Burn received 24,260 votes and the Communist Party's Graham Stevenson got 5,696.

Mr Simon conceded that voters had 'lost faith' in Labour, adding: "There is a portion of traditional Labour voters in the West Midlands who are not confident in our core Labour values."

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# Tories crush Labour in a historic victory

## New faces to represent district



Amanda Milling, Parliamentary Candidate for Cannock Chase, with the five successful candidates in the Cannock Chase divisions of the Staffordshire County Council elections

## THE Conservatives swept Staffordshire as they condemned Labour to a crushing defeat in the county council elections.

Council leader Philip Atkins's Tories won 51 of the 62 seats – up from 34 – to secure a historic third term for the party which has held power since 2009.

Sue Woodward's Labour group won 10 seats – a net loss of 14 from 2013.

UKIP and the Greens lost their councillors while independent Jill Hood beat Tory Philip Jones. Labour's Stafford Central councillor Maureen Compton is the party's sole representative in the county town.

Councillor Atkins declared the victory as a 'vote of confidence' in his administration, while Mrs Woodward, who is now the only Labour councillor in Burntwood and Lichfield, said it had been a 'terrible' day for the party and blamed national issues.

She said: "It is very difficult for councillors to buck the national trend. People vote on the national picture."

### Lost

In Stafford and Stone, the Conservatives won seven of the nine seats, with Labour picking up one, while independent Jill Hood won Stone Urban off Tory Philip Jones. Labour's Stafford Central councillor Maureen Compton is the party's sole representative in the county town.

There was further heartache in Cannock Chase where the Tories won five of the seven seats available and Labour the other two. Notable casualties were Labour's George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase Council, and Christine Mitchell, who lost their seats in Hedgesford and Rawsley to the Tories, but Alan Hudson held Breton and Ravenhill while veteran councillor Derek Davis also won Chads Moor.

Mr Adamson came third while the Green Party's Paul Woodhead came fourth. Mr Adamson: "I am disappointed of course but I wish the two new Conservative councillors all of the best.

In South Staffordshire, Conservatives won a clean sweep of all eight councillors. In Burntwood and Lichfield, the Conservatives won seven out of eight seats with just Mrs Woodward's Burntwood North ward staying with Labour.

A new cabinet and shadow cabinet will be confirmed on May 25.

RESIDENTS of Cannock Chase now have five new county councillors to represent them following last Thursday's elections – an increase of four from the pre-election figure.

The five new faces are Johnny McMahon (Cannock Villages), Paul Snape (Cannock Town Centre), Mike Sutherland (Etching Hill and Heath) and Graham Burnett and Phil Hewitt (Hednesford and Rawsley).

Labour lost four seats, the big losers being the Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson and cabinet members Diane Todd and Christine Mitchell.

Councillor Paul Snape, Conserv-

ative group leader on Cannock Chase Council, said: "This is the result of 18 months of hard work by all five Conservative candidates and our association members.

"The wonderful results obtained are the result of great work by a dedicated team of volunteers."

County council leader Philip Atkins said: "This is confirmation of the good work we have been doing locally.

"I certainly anticipated we would gain a number of seats from the feedback we were getting. We distributed around 370,000 leaflets between our 62 candidates.

"The feedback we got was that this was very much an election on

# Hundreds wool head for unique farm event

MORE than 2,000 people are expected to descend on Penkridge this weekend for an unusual festival – celebrating all things woolly!

Wool@J13 takes place on Saturday and Sunday at Lower Drayton Farm is said to be the first of its kind in the area for wool and fibre lovers.

Ingrid Wagner and Val James joined forces to put on Wool@J13 with the aim of celebrating and teaching about all things woolly through its exhibitors, workshops and talks. There will also be music and street food to add to the fun.

Ingrid is a visual artist and textile designer with a background in film and theatre who started her own interiors business in 2005.

Val runs the 600-acre beef and arable farm at Lower Drayton.

Close harmony trio The Haywood Sisters will be singing with the swing of the 1940s and 1950s throughout the weekend, while the workshops range from left-handed knitting, to natural dyeing to 'moths and all things woolly'.

Demonstrations lined up include sheep shearing and there will be a number of competitions running.

A Time Shop will be raising funds for the Staffordshire-based Donna Louise Children's Hospice.

Visitors will be asked to think about how they would spend an extra five, 10, 15, 30 or 60 minutes if they were able to buy extra time. Each unit of time purchased will buy an entry to a raffle.

Wool@J13 runs 10am to 5pm each day. For details, visit <http://wool-j13.uk/>

# Five injured as car hits bridge

FIVE people were injured when a car crashed into a canal bridge.

The incident happened on the A38 northbound at the junction for Barton-under-Needwood, shortly after 9.40am on Tuesday.

An ambulance service spokesman said: "Crews arrived to discover five patients, all from the same car." The most seriously injured patient was a teenage male passenger, who was airlifted to Royal Stoke University Hospital.

The driver, a man thought to be in his 20s, was taken to Royal Derby Hospital.

A man in his 20s was taken to the same hospital.

A woman and a man, both in their 20s, were taken to Queens Hospital in Burton after receiving treatment from ambulance staff at the scene.

# Crafts to feature in church market

GREAT Wyrley Wesley Methodist Church is holding a mini-market on Saturday from 10.30am to midday.

The event at the church in Walsall Road, Great Wyrley, will feature various stalls including local crafts. Refreshments are available. Admission is free.



# Tragedy has left big void say family of rider, 24

A MOTORCYCLIST who was killed in a crash on the A5 on Bank Holiday Monday has been named as 24-year-old Conna Stewart of Norton Canes.

Mr Stewart died after his blue Suzuki motorbike collided with a silver Renault Megane on Watling Street at Weston-under-Lizard, near Chester Road. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

His family have since paid tribute to a 'vibrant young man who lived life to the maximum'.

A statement from them said: "On Bank Holiday Monday our world fell apart when we were informed of the tragic death of our eldest son Conna.

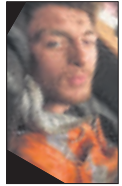
"Conna was a vibrant young man who lived life to the maximum.

"He was always full of love and laughter for everyone that had the pleasure of being part of his life.

"A big void, that will never be filled, has been left in our hearts and in our home," the family added.

"Continued messages and offers of support are helping us through this difficult time and we thank you all for these. God bless you son - shine bright like a diamond."

Anyone who witnessed the collision or who has any information about the incident should contact Staffordshire Police by calling 101, quoting incident number 544 of May 1.



Conna Stewart

## Advice for firms to look abroad

CANNOCK Chase Council is hosting a free exporting event for local businesses in the district, offering support to help businesses grow.

The event on Thursday, June 15 from 9am to 1pm has been organised by Stoke-on-Trent & Staffordshire Growth Hub and the Department for International Trade.

Michael Tichford, head of economic development, said: "We are delighted to be hosting this event at the Civic Centre. The event is aimed at helping and advising local businesses on how to export their products or services, as businesses who sell overseas become 34 per cent more productive in their first year."

To register for the event, go to [growyourbizexport.eventbrite.co.uk](http://growyourbizexport.eventbrite.co.uk)

## Market Hall is to host relaunch day

CANNOCK Market Hall will be hosting a relaunch event on May 19.

To find out more about the event and the market, which is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, call 01543 464558.

# £16,000 fund to boost Chase projects



Brindley Heath on Cannock Chase

A POT of money is available for community groups to develop projects that focus on the Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

The Cannock Chase AONB Partnership is inviting community groups, public sector organisations and local businesses to apply for a grant for projects that will take place in 2017.

Assistant AONB Officer Anne Walker said: "We have £16,000 available in our Sustainable Development Fund, which is a really valuable resource to help local projects along.

We hope we receive plenty of applications and are looking forward to helping projects that will boost Cannock Chase AONB."

Applications will be assessed against criteria that include whether projects conserve or enhance the natural beauty of Cannock Chase AONB sites, whether they are sustainable, if they involve local communities, and more.

Last year's successful bids included wildlife monitoring equipment for Cannock Chase, dementia walks from Cannock Chase Visitor Centre, a

five-yearly bird survey, photography training for AONB volunteers, and a project to help people living with mental illness access a local farm and its surroundings. Small projects will receive up to £500 and larger projects up to £2,000. Some element of match funding is required, but this can be in kind such as volunteer support.

To find out more and to request an application form, call Anne Walker on 01785 619185 or email [cannock-chase@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:cannock-chase@staffordshire.gov.uk)

The deadline to apply for a grant is Thursday, June 8.

# College closure means job losses says union

**THE closure of South Staffordshire College's Cannock campus could lead to a 'significant number of job losses', union bosses have warned.**

The exact number of job losses is unknown at this stage as, according to Unison, the college has yet to reveal if it will be looking to move staff to its other sites.

The union described the news of the closure as a 'terrible shock' which will 'sadden many local residents'. The college is to close its Cannock campus in an attempt to save money.

The college has battled financial pressures for a number of years and has been forced into the shock closure after a proposed merger deal with Walsall College fell through.

Its campus at The Green and its Progress Centre on Walsall Road will both close in July with the courses offered, including hairdressing and music, being moved to the college's other campuses in Lichfield, Penkridge and Tamworth.

The 400-or-so students currently studying at the campus will be offered free bus travel to the other campuses but the college has remained tight-lipped on what could happen to staff.

### Protect

Unison Staffordshire area organiser Steve Elsey said: "The decision to close the campus has come as a terrible shock to the staff, following investment of £6 million pounds and a grand refurbishment scheme just a few years ago. Unions are due to meet with management shortly for the full details, but the site is expected to close at the end of the summer with a potentially significant number of job losses.

"We will now work with college staff and management to protect jobs and provision.

"The news that over a hundred years of further education at The Green will be coming to an end will reduce the opportunities available to the young people of Cannock and the surrounding areas and sadden many residents."

The college has been battling financial difficulties in recent years. In 2015 it had to make £2m worth of cuts, with jobs being slashed in the years before that. The Department for Education had suggested South Staffordshire merge with Walsall College but this was ruled out by both colleges.

Graham Morley, chief executive of the college, said: "South Staffordshire College needs to reduce its operating costs to ensure its continuing sustainability."



Lesley Smith dressed as Katherine Swynford, third wife of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster

## Gem of an idea to raise funds

LICHFIELD Cathedral is inviting people to give up unwanted jewellery to help fund a project that will adorn the building for centuries.

Treasure for Treasure will help raise money for an Icon of Christ Crucified that will hang from the vaulted ceiling of the nave.

An event is being organised for next month by Lesley Smith, curator at Tutbury Castle, so that people can donate any pieces of jewellery they no longer wear or need.

She will be present on the day, dressed in a medieval dress of red silk as 14th Century beauty Katherine Swynford, third wife of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, a son of King Edward III.

She said: "Almost every home has bits of jewellery that lie at the bottom of a drawer unused for years."

The Treasure for Treasure event is on June 10 from 11am to 4pm at the cathedral. Call 01543 306100.

Items of jewellery will be accepted ahead of the event.

Email [kate.durrant@lichfield-cathedral.org](mailto:kate.durrant@lichfield-cathedral.org) to donate

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Car cruise ban to remain in place

STREET racers are being warned they could lose their car, job or their liberty if they take part in a car cruise.

An injunction, introduced in February 2015, will remain in place as a result of a High Court hearing.

It bans people from taking part in a car cruise anywhere within the four Black Country boroughs - Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton - or from promoting, organising or publicising such an event.

Judge McKenna sitting at the High Court concluded that it had proven 'successful' in reducing car cruising.

### Photographers to explain their work

A STAFFORDSHIRE photography group are today holding a presentation on an exhibition of their work.

The Rugeley-based Trent Valley Photographic Society will be staging the presentation at the Museum of Cannock Chase between 7pm and 8.30pm. Members of the group will talk about their work, which is on show at the museum until June 18.

Visitors will get the chance to view the exhibition in the Temporary Gallery and have a chat with the photographers. Booking to attend the event is essential. Call 01543 877666.

### Alert on collection con for new school

A WARNING has been issued after reports of a con in Staffordshire involving a request for charity donations.

Resident Beth Whitehead reported that she was approached by two foreign women outside Lichfield Cathedral asking for money towards a school for deaf and mute children.

No money was handed over and she later discovered it was a scam.

Staffordshire Police have asked anyone who does see this suspicious behaviour to contact the force on 101.

### General Election delays £5m campus opening

THE opening of an academy for up to 1,000 students has been postponed because of the General Election.

South Staffordshire College was set to officially open its new £5.3 million AgriSTEM Academy at its Rodbaston campus near Penkridge, last Friday.

Chief executive principal Graham Morley said: "I have taken the decision to postpone the AgriSTEM launch to ensure that all of our guests have the opportunity to attend." The opening will now be staged later this year.

### Leaving from Longnor

CHASE Ramblers' walk this Sundayy is on a nine-mile strenuous route from Longnor, near Buxton. The meeting point as usual is Hedgesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, for an 8.30am prompt departure. For further details contact John on 01889 271303. New walkers are welcome.

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# COUNTY NEWS

## Beacon in call for volunteers

A CAMPAIGN has been launched by the Beacon Centre to encourage new volunteers to join its ranks across the region.

The charity already has more than 250 volunteers who offer support for those living with sight loss.

Now a series of new roles have become available, including retail positions at the centre's shops in Wednesbury, Penkridge and Bloxwich.

To request more information or register interest call 01902 880 111 or email [bsinar@beaconvision.org](mailto:bsinar@beaconvision.org)

## Trust on shortlist for more funding

A WILDLIFE trust which carries out work to protect natural habitats in the Black Country has been shortlisted to receive charity funding.

The Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and the Black Country cares for the Portway Hill Nature Reserve at Rowley Hills. The grassland is home to a wealth of wildflowers. It boasts rare plants, like the exotic bee orchid

It is up for funding from Tesco Bags of Help. The charity has been shortlisted and wants the public to vote for it online. To vote, visit [www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp](http://www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp).

## Villagers in fight for parish council

ALMOST 200 people have responded to a survey of residents on plans to form a parish council in an historic West Midland village.

Proposals for a parish council in Tettenhall were put forward last year. However a rival group opposes the scheme because it would mean paying an additional council tax precept and has launched a petition.

The city council is due to reveal the results of the community governance review in June.

## Knight and days for half term fun

KING Arthur is the theme of spring half-term events at a Black Country venue. Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery will host two themed activity days based on the legendary figure on May 31 and June 1.

Children can dress up as knights, kings and queens, while also enjoying quests, crafts and comedy as part of the museum's historical half-term activities. Entry on both days is free with charges for crafts from 50p to £2. Call 0121 5560683 for details.

## Hospice cash walk

FUNDRAISERS will walk 125 miles in two days to raise money for a Black Country-based charity. The team will set off from Borth, in Wales, on May 19 and head for the Maverick pub in Amblecote near Stourbridge. The Mary Stevens Hospice fundraisers aim to reach the pub by May 21.

# Shockers but cash pledge makes the road ahead look much better



Jim McGregor's picture shows Fernwood Drive, Rugeley

THE Chronicle campaign to highlight the worst potholes in the region has painted a shocking picture of the state of our roads but there is good news ahead.

Up to £5 million could be spent on fixing thousands of potholes in Staffordshire this year, Tory bosses have declared. Re-elected Tory county council group leader Philip Atkins revealed that £3m had already been committed to repairing the roads in 2017 while the administration would now try to secure a further £2m.

Mark Deaville, the previous highways chief who likewise retained his seat comfortably, defended the council's record on responding to 'emergency' pothole reports. He said it would be a priority to address the 13,000-strong backlog of road defects. Meanwhile several sites flagged



up in our campaign have either seen repairs carried out or pencilled in for work. The roads around junction 11 of the M6 between Cannock and Wolverhampton sparked several complaints from readers. Work has now been carried out to fill in some of the craters.

Both Five Ways Island and Hill Top in Hednesford were highlighted as troublespots and funds have been allocated to look at both sites. Meanwhile Richard Sears, of Hednesford, highlighted poor pothole repairs at the entrance to the Chase Golf Club and Spa near Cannock. He was delighted to tell us this week that the

issue has been addressed and several other potholes on the Pottal Pool Road from the A34 roundabout to the cross-roads at Mansty Lane. And there was praise from Carol Longmore of Wollaston said: "Three times I have reported potholes and on each occasion they have been fixed speedily. The last ones I reported at 3-30 in the afternoon, by 9-30 the next day it was fixed!"

But there are still problems. Jim McGregor sent a picture of Fernwood Drive in Rugeley. He said: "I was emailed back last week by the council and was told that 'no action was to be taken. Absolutely shocking.'"

Thanks to the help from readers we have found out about the worst-hit roads and will soon be publishing the 'Top of the Pots' which we will take to councils in the hope that they will prioritise these areas.



Rachael Heyhoe Flint

## Charity aid in honour of Rachael tops £3,000

A CHARITY collection named in honour of Baroness Rachael Heyhoe Flint raised more than £3,000.

The yearly collection by Wheelchair Power Pleas Trust was the brainchild of the Wolves vice-president and former England cricketer.

To recognise her contribution to the good cause bosses decided the collection will now be known as Rachael's Day. Fundraisers were collecting ahead of Wolves home match against Blackburn.

### Grateful

Power Pleas Trust Chairman, Keith Berry, said the sum collected was £2,375.15 with an additional anonymous donation of £100 and gift aid of £618.79 making a grand total of £3,093.94.

The charity was supported on the day by members of Tettenhall Rotary Club.

Mr Berry, said: "The Rotary Club and Power Pleas are very grateful for the continuing support of the Wolves Community Trust and the Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club."

Rachael died, aged 77, in January following a short battle with cancer.

The charity tends to allocate the money raised from the annual collection to one individual and this year the money has been put towards a 'Strikeforce' powered football wheelchair, to be used by Telford Powerchair FC.

## More grandstand seats at police HQ open day

THE open day at Staffordshire Police headquarters next month will have four different demonstration arenas.

This year, there will be more grandstand seating to improve the view of the two different police dog displays, and there will be twice the number of opportunities to see how officers deal with public order incidents and road traffic collisions.

About 15,000 visitors attended the 2016 open day, and the force has added more buses to the park-and-ride service from the car parks at the Staffordshire County Showground.

By David Banner

## A CANNOCK-BASED charity is celebrating reaching a fundraising milestone six years after its launch.

The Hibbs Lupus Trust was started in 2011 by John Hibbs to raise awareness of lupus and to set up a network for people affected by the disease.

It came after he supported his sister through her diagnosis three years earlier. More than 15,000 people across the UK live with lupus – a chronic autoimmune disease that ravages different parts of the body. Now, five years since launching the Cannock-based Hibbs Lupus Trust, the charity is celebrating, having reached the milestone of raising £125,000.

The money will be used to provide facilities, equipment and services for NHS hospitals and foundation trusts for the benefit of lupus patients.

### Launched

Mr Hibbs said: "Frustrated by the lack of information and support available for my sister, I was determined that nobody else would have to go through the same thing.

"I ran marathons in a bid to raise money for the disease from 2008 to 2010 and raised over £20,000 but I didn't feel like I was doing enough.

"I launched the Hibbs Lupus Trust back in 2011, and the whole team of volunteers is delighted to have reached such a significant moment in our fundraising."

His sister Viki Hibbs was diagnosed with lupus in 2008 aged 25. While she now manages her illness with medication and regular visits to Cannock Hospital, he was frustrated by the lack of information and support available for his sister, other lupus patients and their families.

● The Hibbs Lupus Trust will mark World Lupus Day with their annual walks around Cannock Chase this Sunday starting at 10am.



John Hibbs, founder of the Hibbs Lupus Trust, with his sister Viki Hibbs

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NEWS IN BRIEF

'Tip tax' charges to be reviewed

THE 'tip tax' at Staffordshire rubbish dumps is to be reviewed. There has been uproar since the Tory-controlled Staffordshire County Council introduced charges for DIY rubbish at household waste centres. Now, council leader Philip Atkins has said the fees will be looked at again. He said: "We will be reviewing the tip charges when the Government comes out with the new guidelines on household waste. "We don't believe we are doing anything wrong at the moment, but we can have a look at that."

Service puts out 100 fires in open

STAFFORDSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service has received more than 100 calls to blazes in open spaces since March. The figure was revealed after firefighters dealt with a fire in woodland near Kinver. Station manager Tim Hollingworth said: "Starting fires like this is incredibly dangerous. It puts lives at risk and causes devastation to local wildlife and ecosystems. "Our crews are being called to these incidents far too often. They put their lives on the line, and these fires tie them up for long periods of time."

Headteacher takes up new school role

ABBOTS Bromley School has officially installed its new principal, Maggie Shackleton. Before taking over the role, Ms Shackleton was headteacher at Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls. She said: "I am proud and privileged to be the principal of Abbots Bromley School and International College. "My formal introduction to the school was at the recent dance and musical theatre performance, which was phenomenal."

Freemasons donate £4k to air ambulance

THE Staffordshire Freemasons have donated £4,000 to the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. Provincial grand master John Lockley, who presented the grant at Tattenhill Airport, said: "We are proud to be able to support the Midlands Air Ambulance. "Thanks to the tireless efforts of their doctors and aircrew, many lives of local people are saved each year. Masonic support for air ambulances nationally is £2.1 million since 2007."

Talk at group meeting

THE Cannock Group of the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust is to stage an illustrated talk on Namibia by Christie Bull on Wednesday at 7.30pm at St Lukes Church Centre, Cannock. There is free parking in the church car park. Entrance to the talk is £2 including refreshments. All welcome.

# Fake news? No, trust us, what your local newspaper deals with is facts

TODAY, this newspaper joins forces with local and regional titles across the UK to launch a campaign to fight fake news.

As we approach the most significant national election in a generation, the need for independent local newspapers and their websites to report and explain the issues in an entirely neutral, honest and balanced way is essential.

This approach is in keeping with our ethos of always seeking to provide trusted news, campaigning on behalf of our communities, exposing wrongdoing through painstaking investigations, and ensuring that the voice of residents and the business community in the Black Country and Staffordshire is heard loud and clear.

This election will be different from any other. It is not simply that the outcome will define our future relationship with the EU and the manner in which it is negotiated, but it will be held in the context of the phenomenon of fake news.

In the past 12 months there has barely been a single global event that has not been infected by the suggestion that entirely fabricated information designed to deceive had been circulated indiscriminately via social media.



Repetition through 'shares' and 'likes' adds an undeserved authority. Comment, unlabelled as such, masquerades as truth; satire is confused with reality.

The great global social media conglomerates have been slow to respond and grudging to intervene. Instead, it is established newspapers like ours and their websites which continue to be the political whipping boys, expected to submit to the most rigorous regulation and the threat of the most pernicious and damaging regime of court costs while they seek to pursue honest, investigative journalism in the public interest.

# 1,600 homes blueprint for power station site

## A SPRAWLING 1,600 home estate could be built on the Rugeley Power Station site, it has been revealed.

The news is a major boost to council development chiefs looking to allocate housing land for the next decade or so.

Three months ago Cannock Chase's planning officers said it was too early to make any estimates for the site, but now their counterparts at Lichfield District Council, which owns a chunk of the land, has revealed the plot's potential, saying it could accommodate a minimum of 800 properties but possibly double that figure.

However, some councillors have stressed that developers must strike the right balance and ensure the 372-acre site is divided up to accommodate businesses as well as homes in order to help replace the 150-odd jobs lost at the power station.

### Jobs

George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase Council, said: "It is a huge site but what we have been looking at is a mixed use, which would be part residential and part industrial split between Lichfield and Cannock Chase.

"We are likely to get the more industrial development and Lichfield will get the majority of the homes but we will work together to ensure Rugeley's housing need is met."

Councillor Alan Dudson, who represents the area where part of the station sits, said: "We definitely need jobs created, and we also need the infrastructure to accommodate both the housing and the jobs. I would like to see a large employer on there. "It is important we achieve the right balance of houses and employment."

The housing estimates have been published in Lichfield District Council's latest Local Plan Allocations document which earmarks sites for residential properties up to 2029.



Council officials say the power station site could accommodate a minimum of 800 properties

## Two parents are arrested over fight near school

A HEADTEACHER has called for a police presence outside a primary school after a fight broke out between two parents - with one alleged to have had a weapon.

Officers from West Midlands Police were called to Pelsall Village School on Tuesday last week. Two men were arrested in connection with the incident, which is thought to have happened as pupils arrived for the day.

Headteacher Glyn Bagley issued a letter to parents describing the incident as 'extremely disturbing', and alluding to previous issues between parents at the school.

He said: "This morning there was a very disturbing incident within the proximity of the school gates on School Lane involving parents from two of our families. I am aware that several parents were verbally abused, which is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated."

Mr Bagley added that he had put a 'senior staff presence' on both gates in the morning and had called for police officers to patrol the area.

One mother, who wished to remain anonymous, said: "Everybody was talking about it. It's scary. It is the last thing you imagine happening at a primary school and the last thing you want your kids to see."

A spokeswoman for Walsall police said: "A 36-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of affray and a 24-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of affray and possession of an offensive weapon."

## Run or walk in aid of Poppy Appeal

THE Royal British Legion is holding its annual family fun run and walk at Chasewater on Sunday.

The event starts from the Innovation Centre, and local veteran and poppy organiser Wayne Roberts will be setting the participants off.

Last year, more than 150 individuals took part and raised money for the Poppy Appeal.

Registration will commence at 10am, and the runners and walkers will set off at 10.30am prompt. Entry forms can be obtained from Alison Bates at abates@britishlegion.org.uk or on 01889 575496.

A spokesman for the RBL said: "The Legion uses donations to support in so many ways including providing crisis grants."

## Bargains to be had at church market

A MINI-MARKET is to be held at St Stephen's Church in Bideford Way, Cannock, on Saturday.

Organisers say the event, from 9.30am to 11.15am, will have 'quality items' and a cafe. Admission is free.

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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



# On yer bike – that is if you can afford it!

THE aching right-on former Independent newspaper, which now exists in internet-only form, has put together a list of recommendations for people looking to get their first bike.

These include the Boardman CX Comp, which costs £650, and the Boardman Road Team Carbon, which will set you back an eye-watering £800. Which is strange, because I was under the impression that cyclists, and other environmental types for that matter, had a bit of a downer on carbon.

Anyway, if either of those are a bit pricey, there is also the Specialized Allez E5, which weighs in at a more modest £525. For the record, my first bike was a Raleigh Budge, which was pretty good. And I'm sure it didn't cost £525.

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DID you see the joy etched on the faces of the Birmingham City fans as their final-day winner saw them escape relegation by the skin of their teeth?

As an Aston Villa supporter, you will forgive me for not sharing in their elation. Nor for that matter do I look forward to them spending the next three months banging on about 'Arry and how they will now conquer all before them.

But imagine they had been relegated. Do you think a single one of those fans would want to see their team merge with Villa, Wolves and Albion to create one single super-team able to compete in the Champions League?

Because that is one of the proposals put forward by Sion Simon, who was last week defeated by a whisker in the election for the West Midlands metro mayor.

And while Mr Simon didn't win, his idea perfectly illustrates the flawed thinking behind the combined authority.

Because just as Blues supporters like following Villa, and Wolves and Albion fans like following their clubs, regardless of how they perform on the field, exactly the same tribal loyalties exist in the towns and cities that make up the West Midlands.

People from Wolverhampton are proud of their identity as Wulfrunians, people from Dudley are proud to be Dudleians, and people from Walsall like being, well whatever you call people from Walsall. None of us have a shared "West Midlands" identity, and we are certainly not Brummies.

Congratulations to new mayor Andy Street, and we should all wish him well. But it doesn't alter the fact that I don't want him, or anybody else, as West Midlands mayor.

Be part of history, said the posters imploring us to get take part.

And I have. Proud to be one of the 74 per cent who didn't vote.

## Money matters, mathematical mishaps and May-hem



New pound coins are reportedly falling apart, can't we go back to the note?



So it's this amount, says Dianne Abbott, whose maths skills were found lacking



Careful Donald! Hold on to that rail...the president is alleged to have a phobia of staircases

# Making a note of coins' pound-ing

THE new £1 coin is causing problems, with some being cracked, misshapen or with the middle part missing. If £1 notes still work perfectly well in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Jersey, why on earth can't we restore them in England?

LOANS to kids by their parents – the so-called Bank of Mum and Dad – has become the ninth biggest mortgage lender in Britain. It also has the distinction of being the only mortgage lender that never seriously expects to get the money back.

A READER who was probably paying far more attention to the script of Line of Duty (BBC1) than the writers ever intended, did his own detective work when it was revealed that the incriminating bag of evidence was buried "on the Chase" near the junction of the A51 and the A38. He analysed the directions and found that the location was on the main road next to his house in Lichfield. Result.

LINE of Duty suffered from the same problem as Broadchurch (ITV). It was beautifully filmed and excellently acted but the plot was ludicrously complicated. At the conclusion of a truly great crime drama, you should relish the unmasking of the villain, admire the tying-up of loose ends and generally cherish the moment, without feeling the need to consult Google to find out what actually happened.

OUR old tabby has shed his winter weight. He celebrated his new-found agility this week by killing and eating two grey squirrels which would otherwise be devouring the eggs and fledglings of our local songbirds. The domestic cat – sinner or saviour? Discuss.

OXFORD University's Equality and Diversity Unit sternly advised students in a newsletter

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that avoiding eye contact could be regarded as a form of racism ("a racial microaggression") which can lead to "mental ill-health". The unit was forced to issue a humiliating retraction when readers pointed out that autistic people can find it hard to make eye contact. There are few funnier sights than the holier-than-thou dining in humble pie.

I ALWAYS have a special sympathy for those MPs appointed to that vast, all-embracing edifice, the Department for Culture, Media & Sport. At the inaugural press conference the new minister, appointed for his brilliant grasp of 18th century portraiture, is made to look a wally by the first grinning reporter who asks him to explain the offside rule.

DIANE Abbott's ordeal by mathematics, live on radio this week, is one excellent reason for avoiding a career in politics. We mere mortals cannot comprehend all the stuff that politicians are supposed to memorise and regurgitate at a moment's notice. You promise to appoint thousands of new coppers. The radio jock instantly demands to know how much it will cost. So that's what? Ten thousand multiplied by about £40,000? Your brain freezes. You blurt out £350,000. The jock starts the eye-rolling and guffawing, and within a minute the entire nation has joined in laughing at Abbott. Maybe the shadow home secretary should have been better briefed. Maybe she thought her trademark arrogance and bluster would see her through. And, yes, the media probably made too much of a meal of the incident. Abbott came a hideous

cropper, living proof that in politics you never know what the next question will be.

AFTER my recent item on Donald Trump's alleged fear of staircases (bathophobia), a reader dug out a 1970 booklet owned by her late mother, a former psychiatric nurse. It listed no fewer than 94 medically recognised phobias. Today, 47 years later, Wikipedia lists 154 phobias and admits its list is incomplete.

WE'RE off to Scotland later this month. As anyone will tell you, Scotland can be glorious in May. The snag is that the glory may have started a wee bit early. The Highlands have been bathed in sunshine this week and, realistically, what are the odds of it staying fine for three more weeks? I fear we will arrive to that traditional Scottish greeting: "Och, you've just missed a lovely fortnight."

VINCE Cable, Simon Hughes and Edward Davey are three Lib-Dem knights accused of dropping the "Sir" while on the campaign trail, to make them appear more commonplace. If so, then Vinnie, Symie and Teddy are by no means the first. I recall a delightful old chap who was a Tory Member of the European Parliament in the 1980s. He answered to the rather grand name of John de Courcy Ling, except during elections when he was plain John Ling.

SO far in this campaign, Theresa May has been spared a wobble crisis. Margaret Thatcher's Wobbly Thursday fell during the 1987 General Election campaign when, hit by raging toothache and a sudden slump in the opinion polls, the Iron Lady suddenly feared she might lose the election. Polls are volatile and scary things and it would be surprising if Mrs May didn't have a moment like that in the weeks to come. PS: Wobble or not, Thatcher was still returned with an enviable majority of 102 seats.

## TALKING POINT



# ePrix can showcase electric car future

THE future of the car is driver-less, according to billionaire tech magnate Elon Musk. He says all new cars will be self-driving in 10 years.

Ford reckon the biggest change since the horse made way for the internal combustion engine will come even sooner, they plan to be mass-producing cars with no steering wheel, brake or accelerator within five years.

Already autonomous vehicles are being tested regularly on the streets of San Francisco – I would like to see them tackle its famously serpentine Lombard Street – and French car maker Peugeot has just launched a self-driving pilot scheme in Singapore.

It's a scary concept and not only if you are among the millions of cabbies, driving instructors, bus drivers and truckers who are facing a redundant future.

These cars will rely on GPS, sensors, computer-based and therefore, theoretically, hackable.

Imagine being held to ransom as your robot vehicle with hijacked AI (artificial intelligence) hurtles towards your potential doom.

But advocates of true self-driving cars, that don't even give passengers the option of grabbing the controls, say computers make better drivers.

Figures show that 94 per cent of the 35,000 traffic fatalities in the US in 2015 were down to human error.

Perhaps the real issue isn't who or what drives the car, but its power source.

According to the European Environment Agency the UK had 11,940 premature deaths in 2013 from nitrogen dioxide, which is a toxic gas mostly caused by diesel vehicles and linked to lung problems.

Driver-less or not, that sobering figure suggests we should be planning a network of charging points for a big switch to electric (at the least, hybrid) vehicles. The inventive Mr Musk is already ahead of the game with his battery powered Tesla cars.

Since its demise in 1990, there have been regular calls to bring back the Birmingham Superprix to the city's streets... surely it would be better to host an ePrix.

Formula E has been the catalyst for much of the technology in electric cars since it started in Beijing in 2014.

The racing car batteries can deliver 200 kilowatt of power (equivalent to 270 brake horsepower) and can accelerate from 0 to 60mph in three seconds.

Formula E events have already been held in Hong Kong, Marrakesh, Buenos Aires and Mexico City. Further rounds are planned for Paris, Berlin, New York and Montreal. The next is in Monaco on May 13.

How about the UK's own Motor City joining the race into the future? But include drivers, please.

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## Landmark inspires station garden



Businesses representatives and members of the local community alongside the new planter at Lichfield City station. BUSINESSES and members of the local community have helped London Midland to bring colour to Lichfield City station with a new platform garden.

The garden planter installation, inspired by Lichfield Cathedral, has come to life through creative planting by green-fingered London Midland colleagues with bay trees and a variety of flowers.

Created with the aim of celebrating the station as a gateway to the city and the famous annual Lichfield Festival,

the eye-catching new display has also been entered into the Blooming Lichfield competition.

Richard Lewis, president of Lichfield Chamber of Trade and Commerce, and chair of the Blooming Lichfield Committee, said: "It really has been a community affair."

The 'cathedral' display will be tended by a new Lichfield City station adoption group, which is currently being formalised, and the adoption project will be expanded to include artwork by local schools for the station.

## New police chief appointed



Gareth Morgan

**GARETH Morgan has been appointed as the new Chief Constable of Staffordshire.**

Currently the Deputy Chief Constable at Avon and Somerset, he was appointed out of a short list of three.

As part of the interview process, candidates were questioned by Staffordshire Youth Commission members and more than 60 officers and staff from Staffordshire Police.

Mr Morgan was appointed Deputy Chief Constable at Avon and Somerset in February 2016. He started with West Midlands Police in 1990 and during his career has spent time at the FBI

National Academy at Quantico and completed a secondment to the Home Office.

"I am grateful to the Police and Crime Panel for their deliberations and I am delighted to have my appointment of Chief Constable confirmed," Mr Morgan said. I look forward to joining the force on June 19."

Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said: "We had exceptionally strong candidates for the position, but DCC Morgan demonstrated the knowledge and breadth of experience needed to take the force through the huge period of change needed over the coming months to meet the ever-changing face of crime and evolving threats."



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I AM ashamed to be British when people keep talking about cutting our donations to poor countries.

I agree that we should be more careful where the money goes, but people are actually dying there.

Remember, it is only by luck or God's will that you were not born there.

We have clean water, electricity, free healthcare etc. We are millionaires compared to these people.

**SYD ELTON**  
Lichfield

**Roads don't need fixing**

HAVING followed the many reports and letters regarding our roads, I have to say, with complete disgust, travelling into Lichfield now, you will see perfectly good roads being resurfaced.

Whoever decided to spend money there and not where it is needed should resign.

**DISGUSTED**  
Chase Terrace

Claim of competence does not add up

THE Tories have cynically abused the electoral system to their perceived advantage. They changed the term of government from four years to five under the guise of greater stability.

Theresa May repeatedly said she would use the full term in order to

leave the EU. But now after only two years of their government, she calls an election supposedly to improve her position during the negotiations.

The Tories will boldly claim their economic competence during office, whereas in just seven years, they have

increased national debt by more than £1tn, this despite falling living standards and savage cuts to public services.

Heaven help us if they get in for another five years.

**PHILLIP BRYANT**  
Burntwood

I fear for future of the NHS

BEING by nature suspicious of the motives and actions of all politicians, I wondered why our Prime Minister – once a supporter of remaining within the EU – should become such a fervent advocate for Brexit.

I then read that there is an ongoing mass exodus of foreign-born workers from within the NHS and staff shortages resulting in doctors being paid £95 per hour for a 10-hour shift.

Could it be that these facts present a wonderful opportunity to speed up privatisation of the health service on the grounds that it has insufficient staff for it to function efficiently?

Being well into my 85th year, and given the expected lengthy process of the Brexit negotiations, I doubt that I personally will be greatly affected, at least for any length of time, but I do fear the consequences for future generations if my suspicions prove correct.

**G BLOWER**  
Cannock

Council actions speak louder than words

FORMER councillor Chris Collis defends the huge and savage Tory cuts to our services, ranging from highways (hence the pothole plague) to libraries, adult social care, youth services, support for the elderly, the list goes on, by implying that there is no alternative (April 27).

Mr Collis likes cuts. When he was a councillor, he voted to close the Stadium and cut services for the elderly.

Actions speak louder than words. Cannock Chase Council is Labour-run and has protected frontline services.

Even with the closure of Rugeley Power Station, cuts have been kept to a minimum, whereas Mr Collis and his Tory friends cut for the sake of cutting. Our roads are a disgrace because of constant cuts to the highways budget.

**GARRY CARTWRIGHT**  
Hednesford

UK's social care service is badly underfunded

THE charity Skills for Care claimed that over 900 carers quit every day last year in England. I believe they are leaving behind a badly underfunded privatised public service.

The provision of social care in the UK is a generational crisis due to attacks from successive Tory governments and right-wing councils. Five per cent of care positions in the UK are currently vacant, and up to 25 per cent of those working in the industry do so on insecure exploitative zero hour contracts. Skills for Care also found that the average wage is only £7.65 an hour – far below the minimum needed for any worker to live and work securely and happily.

**COUNCILLOR PAUL WITTON**  
Cannock South

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Just run a proper service

I WAS amazed to see the headline 'Free entertainment on trains' (Chronicle, April 27). As far as Chase Line users are concerned, bearing in mind the service is subsidised, I think we would be happier if London Midland concentrated on running better trains on time and collecting fares rather than providing non-essential peripheral services.

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## President's long service certificate

SI Cannock & District

AS Carole Holdcroft came to the end of her year as president of SI Cannock, she was delighted to be able to make a further donation to the Pathway Project, in particular to the refuge they run for women victims of domestic violence.

Members donated Easter eggs which were taken to Pathway for the children living in the refuge to enjoy. Carole – and indeed the whole Soroptimist club – has long been a supporter of Pathway and during her year as president Carole held a number of events to raise funds for them and for Staffordshire Women's Aid. So far each organisation has received £600 from Cannock Soroptimists though there will be a further £100 to each of them as a result of the marshalling members did at the Staffordshire Ironman race last year.

Carole told members how much she had enjoyed her year and praised members for their work helping the Buddy Bag Foundation; Meru Garden Project; Fistula Foundation UK; Staffordshire Down's Syndrome Group; St Giles Hospice; Soroptimist International Emergency Fund; Book-s4Home; Cannock Soup Kitchen and Cannock Food bank.

Carole has been a member of SI Cannock for 30 years – but it was a complete surprise to her when Past President Lynne Tuckley presented her with a certificate, signed by the President of SI Great Britain and Ireland, marking her 30 years of service.

# Fundraising draws in £455 for curtains



Treasurer Barbara Matthews, old and new presidents Helen Hallchurch and Mary Fullelove

AT the AGM secretary Jill Gooch reminded members of all the activities they had experienced over the past year.

Jenny Diggory arranged a varied programme of speakers. Throughout all the meetings June Fox has provided a raffle. She also sends on birthdays and for celebrations or commiserations and organises meals out. Win Gardiner has supplied the ladies with a book stall, while treasurer and social secretary Barbara Matthews has arranged some excellent trips and holidays.

This is the second year of the WI community project, raising money for curtains for St Luke's Community Hall. The total stands at £455.99 following president Helen Hall-

## Cannock WI

church's great efforts manning stalls at St Luke's fairs and hosting a coffee morning. Members have made Twiddlemuffs for patients suffering with "restless hand syndrome" and dementia as well as hats and scarves for children in the townships of South Africa. Toiletries are also donated to the Pathway Project.

Thirteen new members have been attracted in the last 10 months. For further call 01543 271617 or visit [www.thewi.org.uk/staffordshire](http://www.thewi.org.uk/staffordshire)

## Promotional display in library

NEWLY appointed chairman Sue Evans and committee members organised a wonderful promotional display in Cannock Library. It showed the ongoing work carried out by our organisation at local, regional and national level.

A variety of events,

## Cannock TG

meetings and speakers are arranged throughout the year. These give an opportunity for members to meet together and enjoy the company of others and have discussions with speakers

on a wide range of topics. Meetings are held once a month, except for August, at St Luke's School, New Penkridge Road, Cannock at 7.30pm.

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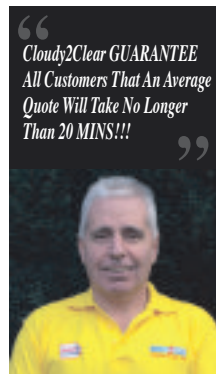
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# 'Evil genius' Jed has a great line in drama

IT'S the drama that has gripped a nation and sent social media into a whirlwind with its explosive conclusion – and it was written by a man who grew up in Staffordshire.

Jed Mercurio, described as an 'evil genius' by a member of the cast, is the brains behind Line of Duty – and he is already said to be working on the next series.

Mercurio grew up in Cannock, and trained in medicine at Birmingham University, as well as enlisting as a pilot at RAF Cosford.

He worked as a junior doctor in Wolverhampton and drew on his own experiences to write Cardiac Arrest under the pseudonym John MacUre.

The drama helped launch the career of actor Helen Baxendale, who hails from nearby Shenstone.

He was also behind Bodies, based on his novel of the same name, which earned him two Bafta Television Award nominations and two RTS nominations.

He wrote and directed The Grimleys, set on a council estate in Dudley and starring Noddy Holder as music teacher Neville Holder, before moving on to Line of Duty.

Set in an unnamed Midlands city, it is filmed in Birmingham with a former bank in Broad Street used for the main police station.

The show's thrilling fourth series ended on a high as the final episode won the programme its largest audience yet. The BBC police drama's sixth



The cast, along with the audience, are kept in the dark about the plot twists

and final instalment on April 30 was viewed by 7.5 million, according to overnight ratings – nearly one million more than the penultimate episode the previous week at 6.6 million.

The figure was the highest overnight total in the show's history.

Following the broadcast, Mercurio was praised by Maya Soodhi, who played Pc Manet Bindra.

She said the cast, along with the audience, are kept in the dark about the plot twists and that things are changing constantly throughout filming.

She said: "You get the first three

episodes because Jed writes the first block first – the wonderful, evil genius Jed – then he writes the second block after. So things change still in the process of filming and scripts get rewritten all the time."

A fifth series of Line of Duty has already been commissioned, and Soodhi hopes to return, although she said Mercurio has yet to start writing it.

She said: "He writes it on his own, he does all the storyline and once he's decided what the series is about, the characters, then I hope to get a call." Mercurio now lives in London.

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## Centre opens for problem drinkers



Support worker Patricia Hughes and resident Dave Williams celebrate the opening of the centre with a cup of tea

A STAFFORDSHIRE charity has opened a new centre supporting people with alcohol problems. Stafford and Cannock League of Hospital Friends was founded in 1958 and will be celebrating its 60th anniversary next year.

The centre, known as a 'dry house', is the only residential resource of its kind in Stafford.

Harold Bould, chairman of the charity, said: "The League of Hospital Friends is committed to providing its services through individually tailored support plans for every client and within a framework of equal opportunities, diversity, anti-discrimination and respect."

"Stafford and Cannock League of Hospital Friends staffing team work in partnership with the statutory services in particular social services, probation service, medical practitioners, voluntary and housing agencies to assist in the successful resettlement and rehabilitation of those using the service."

Other facilities belonging to the League of Hospital Friends include a cafe, established in April 2012, at Cannock Chase Hospital.

League of Hospital Friends director Martin Thornley director said: "Things are going very well."

# Rethink move on 'low-level' crimes

**POLICE 'need to do more' to keep people who complain about anti-social behaviour up to date with how it has been dealt with, according to a police chief.**

An independent group established by Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis says the force is not dealing effectively with 'low-level' crime.

This is leading to a dip in levels of public satisfaction with police work, according to the Ethics, Transparency and Audit Panel (ETAP).

A lack of communication with complainants has led to a 'potential lack of confidence in policing', ETAP says.

## Agreed

It was noted that when crimes are reported via phone, there ends up being a lack of visual contact between the force and the public which, according to the panel, 'means the call-handler is unable to detect disappointment or frustration and respond appropriately'.

Mr Ellis said he agreed with the findings. He has since asked bosses at Staffordshire Police to look to address the issue.

He said: "The panel's report is thorough and is precisely what I hoped for when establishing this independent panel three years ago."

By Jordan Harris

"It is the latest in a series of valuable reports about the way Staffordshire Police go about serving the public."

"At the heart of these findings is that good information provided effectively for victims of crime is crucial to their confidence in policing and satisfaction."

"When investigating complex or more serious crimes the flow of information appears to be working well."

"It's issues such as anti-social behaviour and low-level crime where the police in Staffordshire need to do more to keep the victim or person who reported the incident properly informed."

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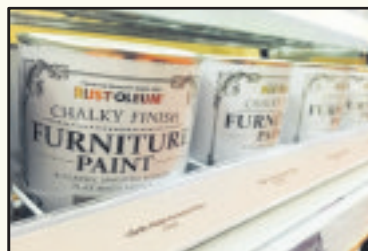
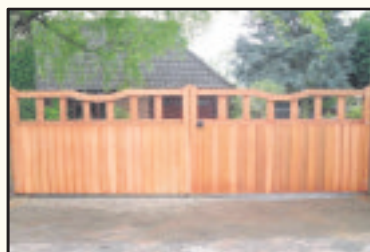
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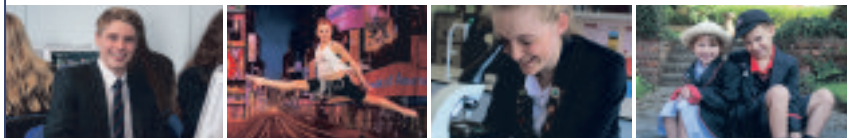


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## Homes group knocking on door for award



Members of the Home MOT team at work on SSHA homes in Penkridge

A PROGRAMME to improve homes for tenants of South Staffordshire Housing Association (SSHA) has been short-listed for a national award.

The planned maintenance project is among the finalists for the Best Repairs and Maintenance prize in the Housing Excellence Awards. Delivered by Property Plus, the project has helped the housing association to maintain its investment in home maintenance and increase spending at a time

of rent reduction and welfare reform. The £14 million project has involved the installation of 400 kitchens and 500 new bathrooms in a year.

A total of 700 new boilers have cut energy bills for customers by an average of £300 per year and the popular 'Home MOT' service ensures that every home receives a maintenance facelift, a neighbourhood at a time. The Housing Excellence Awards will be presented on May 25.

## 5-year flood misery ends

**WORK to prevent flooding outside a Hednesford couple's home has been carried out – five years after the problem began.**

Steve and Dawn Tuck's house in Littleworth Road has flooded about 15 times due to poor road drainage.

After spending nearly £6,000 of their own money on drive improvements, permeable block paving, extra drains and a flood barrier, they were left devastated when, after yet another heavy downpour, their property was

flooded again. After sending 'countless' emails and speaking to 'lots of people at highways', the couple started to think that no-one realised how serious their problem was.

"We were worried that money is so tight due to all the cutbacks that they'd never have the resources to help us," Mr Tuck said.

Finally, the county highways team responded with a visit and on inspecting the property and being told of the personal investment made by the Tucks, promised to carry out work to protect the house.

Major drainage improvement work

has just been completed. The couple were supported in their demands by local members of the Green Party who contacted the county highways department, showing photographs of the flooding.

Paul Woodhead, who represents Hednesford South on Cannock Chase Council, said: "The workmen were busy for seven days installing three extra drains in the road, a huge drain in front of Steve and Dawn's drive and even a raised bump to funnel the water into the drain."

"I really hope they never have to suffer another flood again."

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# Keyboard maestro Chris in concert

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Powell began his career playing the Wurlitzer organ in the Blackpool Tower Ballroom when he was 18, back in 1990, and has gone on to become one of the top exponents of organ and keyboard entertainment around the world.

As well as fronting the monthly shows in Burntwood, he travels the length and breadth of the country as well as abroad. He is due to play in Germany in October, and Holland in Decem-

ber, and next year will embark on his 14th concert tour of New Zealand and 10th of Australia.

Playing the state-of-the-art Roland Atelier multi-keyboard, he will entertain the audience with popular numbers from the likes of Glenn Miller, James Last, Andre Rieu, and Neil Diamond as well as a nod to the famous style of Blackpool star Reginald Dixon.

Tickets for today's show at the Burntwood Memorial Institute Hall, in Rugeley Road are £6.50 on the door. The concert starts at 7.30pm.

For more details call 01530 274270.



Chris Powell

# JCB is fined £375,000 after worker crushed

## Crowds flock to country fair



The Beggars Oak dancers from Armitage were among the attractions at the Wildlife and Country Fair

HUNDREDS of visitors flocked to a Wildlife and Country Fair which offered a 'wonderful day' for families.

Among the attractions were birds of prey, Shire horse logging, a dog agility show and a performance by Morris dancers.

Dog lovers entered their pets into a canine contest organised by PADS Dog Training, and there were also other animals on show, including sheep, goats and an alpaca.

Stafford Not Spinners set up a spinning wheel and gave demon-

strations to the crowds about how to spin wool. Julie Perks, aged 58, from the group, said: "It was an absolutely super day."

"We were so lucky with the weather, and there were lots of exciting things going on."

"There were all sorts of interesting thing for children to do as well. It was a wonderful day overall."

Experts from the Wildlife Trust, a local bat group, RSPB, and other environmental organisations were also at the event at Stafford Castle.

JCB has been fined £375,000 after an auditor was crushed at its Staffordshire headquarter and left with multiple injuries.

Michael Addison was auditing incoming deliveries of equipment when he was struck from behind by falling machinery weighing 770kg.

He was then trapped between a pallet and the load in the North Yard area of the Rocester site.

He suffered multiple injuries, including broken ribs and fractures to his back, and spent 13 weeks in hospital.

At a hearing at Stafford Crown Court, JCB was fined £375,000 after pleading guilty to two breaches of the Health and Safety At Work Act 1974, and ordered to pay £37,235 costs.

DHL, which employed Mr Addison, was also fined £266,000 after pleading guilty to one breach of the same Act, and ordered to pay £23,370 costs.

### Failed

In the judgment from Judge Michael Chambers QC, he said JCB had failed to carry out any specific risk assessment of the auditing work undertaken by Mr Addison.

He said the firm had also failed to ensure there were proper 'delineated' routes to keep pedestrians separated from vehicles and the firm had failed to ensure pallets were stored in a designated storage area.

Mr Chambers said DHL had failed to carry out a risk assessment for auditing work in the yard and failed to bring in a safe system of working.

DHL had provided a logistics service for JCB since 2010 and from October 2013 it began undertaking auditing of transmission parts.

The incident involving Mr Addison happened on October 16, 2013.

In mitigation, both JCB and DHL said they had taken steps to remedy the failures.

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# Astonishing! Homes left empty top £1 billion

**HOMES worth a total of more than £1 billion sat empty in Staffordshire and the Black Country last year, according to new figures.**

The scale of the region's housing crisis can be laid bare as it is revealed that a total of 5,602 properties lay vacant for at least six months in 2016. Worst hit was Wolverhampton with 1,232 empty homes.

Sandwell had 1,171, Dudley 1,005, Walsall 959, Stafford 661, Cannock Chase 307 and Wyre Forest 267.

Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership board member Ninder Johal labelled the figures 'astonishing' and said getting the homes back in use must be a priority for councils.

Mr Johal said: "This is an astonishing amount and helps you understand why we have a housing crisis.

"What we need to do is make productive use of these houses, but also any land that is lying disused.

"We need to have a proper look at what we can do to resolve this crisis. It will continue to be a priority for the LEP but also needs to be something for the West Midlands Combined Authority.

"We need to look at how to unlock the potential in these buildings."

The cost of Wolverhampton's empty homes in 2016 was £268 million, according to the Department for Communities and Local Government figures compiled by property investment firm Property Partner.

**By Jamie Brassington**

Wolverhampton City Council's Tory group leader Wendy Thompson said: the city's vacant homes were 'a crying shame' for families.

She said: "These figures are absolutely amazing. "It is a crying shame to see empty houses that would make good family homes standing for too long."

Empty homes in Sandwell were worth £255m, Dudley £219m, Walsall £209m, Stafford £144m, Cannock Chase £67m and Stafford £58m.

Across the country over 200,000 homes, with a total value of £43bn, were empty for at least six months.

Go the extra mile to give canals a facelift



**Adoption groups will work to improve their local waterway, such as the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal**

THE Canal & River Trust is inviting communities to play a part in looking after the waterways on their doorstep.

The call to 'adopt' a one-mile stretch of canal comes as part of the charity's wider plans to ensure that the region's famous network of waterways continues to thrive and don't fall back into the dereliction of the mid-20th Century, when some sections were almost lost forever.

In Rugeley, a section of the Trent & Mersey Canal has been adopted by the Lichfield branch of the Inland Waterways Association. The group meet regularly to help with everything from tackling overgrowing greenery and clearing litter to improving habitats for wildlife.

Under the adoption scheme, groups will work in partnership with the trust to improve their local waterway. Each group works at least one day a month for 12 months and agrees the projects they want to prioritise.

There are already more than 160 adoption groups working throughout the country.

To support the call, the Trust has published an online map that showcases existing adoption groups and areas that are available for people to support. For full details visit <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/adopt-a-canal>

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# Scheme is starting to block out cold callers

PEOPLE suffering from nuisance sales calls or cold calls are benefitting from blocking devices fitted to their phones.

Staffordshire County Council's trading standards team is coordinating the national project locally, and has fitted 10 devices to telephones belonging to vulnerable residents or those who have dementia.

The council is now planning to fit another 10 devices in the coming weeks.

The programme is being run and funded by the National Trading Standards manager Tony Shore said: "Nuisance calls are a growing concern, and so we're pleased to be able to implement this national initiative in Staffordshire."

Devices block recorded messages, silent calls and numbers not already pre-identified by the resident or their families. Devices will be loaned for six-month periods but are available from retailers.

### Distress

Staffordshire County Council's trading standards manager Tony Shore said: "Nuisance calls are a growing concern, and so we're pleased to be able to implement this national initiative in Staffordshire."

"What can be an irritation to many people can cause great distress to some, particularly vulnerable residents. Cold calls and scam calls can also result in people being left out of pocket - sometimes up to thousands of pounds."

"The call blocker devices not only offer protection to residents, but piece of mind to families. While 20 devices do not seem like a great amount, they will be reducing anxiety and keeping those people safe."

A similar trial scheme run by the National Trading Standards Scams Team last year resulted in 93 per cent

By Tom Oakley

of participants feeling safer in their homes.

This scheme will see the special devices installed in 1,500 homes nationally.

It comes after Staffordshire Police warned residents about a telephone fraud offering supplements to medication.

A woman was contacted by a man claiming to be from 'the health centre' and concerned with the health of local elderly people. The caller said he was called Ray and went on to ask various health-related questions and about medication - even giving the woman some advice on how to take blood pressure tablets.

He repeated his questions in different ways and was persistent in his manner.

As the call continued, 'Ray' recommended a combination of a vitamin supplement called Glucosamine with some other ingredient, and proceeded to talk about taking orders.

The woman was contacted again on April 28 by someone from 'the health centre', and her husband was contacted the same afternoon. However, they did not disclose any personal details.

To report a fraud, call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via their online fraud reporting tool.

## Bus hits road to spread word on fostering drive

A FOSTERING service promotional bus will be visiting are Cannock Market Square, today (Thursday) and Rugeley Market Square on Friday, May 19.

The visits are part of Foster Care Fortnight, which runs until Sunday, May 21.

The annual campaign aims to raise the profile of fostering and highlight the urgent need for more foster carers.

And carers from throughout Staffordshire have once again put themselves in front of the camera, with their photographs and stories featured on posters, videos, billboards and social media as they explain why they are proud to foster.

Among the places the

promotional bus will be visiting are Cannock Market Square, today (Thursday) and Rugeley Market Square on Friday, May 19.

There will also be information evenings at Burton Town Hall today, Staffordshire Place in Stafford on May 24, and Roman Way Hotel, Cannock, on June 7.

Visit [www.care4child.org](http://www.care4child.org) or call 0800 169 2061.


● Councils in Staffordshire and the Black Country have worked on a short film to highlight the need for foster carers. A dozen local authorities were involved in the project led by production company Reel Twenty Five to develop 'Giants'.




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She added: "A will can also indicate who is to be the guardian of your young children and reduce the amount of inheritance tax that may have to be paid."

Solicitor David Lane, of Pickering & Butters Solicitors, said: "Everybody should make a will, without exception... It doesn't matter how much money you have, how old you are, whether you own a house or not, or whether you have children – everybody should make a will."

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"We have been very impressed

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Edward Pigg, director of Augean Integrated Services, said: "We are thrilled to be recognised as a successful innovator by a global company like Cummins."

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In 2013, Augean restructured and sold off some parts of its less profitable waste network division but decided to retain the Cannock facility as part of a new business, Augean Integrated Services, which has increased in size in the last year with more employees taken on at the Cannock site.



Jerry Mateparae, left, and Evan Williams at Freda's grave

# War mascot Freda due for 'promotion'

MOVES are under way to 'promote' a mascot that helped to maintain morale among troops stationed on Cannock Chase during the First World War.

Freda, a Harlequin Great Dane, was the mascot of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade, who were stationed near Brocton.

It is believed that she was acquired by 5 (Reserve) Battalion, who were based at Brocton from September 1917, although other accounts have Fred being adopted as the brigade mascot in France and accompanied the unit back to Staffordshire in 1918.

Talks on promoting Freda to Honorary Sergeant in the New Zealand Army followed a vote which saw Watchman V named Westminster

Dog of the Year. The Staffordshire bull terrier was gifted to the Staffordshire Regimental Association - and now Freda could also be hitting the headlines again.

To tie in with last month's Anzac Day commemorative service, a wreath was laid at Freda's grave on the Chase by New Zealand High Commissioner Sir Jerry Mateparae and Brigadier Evan Williams of the New Zealand Defence Force.

Brig Williams, supported by Sir Jerry, is working on sorting a New Zealand army number from 1918 and assigning it officially to Freda so she can be promoted.

The first Anzac ceremony on Cannock Chase was held in 1919 and has continued until the present day. It is the largest outside Australasia.

# Plans sent to district council

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

Tek Holdings Ltd, Unit 29, Burntwood Business Park Zone 1, Cobbett Road, Burntwood - retrospective planning application to allow sub-division of an existing commercial unit into four units.

Gleamead, Colton Road, Colton - removal of condition 2 (agricultural occupancy condition) of planning application ELR6454.

Land at Lichfield Road, Armitage - retention of two containers, electricity cabinet and access track.

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Shops at Sankey's Corner, Burntwood

# Help us to give town real heart says group

**'OUR town has got no heart and that is what we are crying out for.' That was the message from Burntwood Action Group (BAG) as they unveiled plans to transform the town.**

They warned that a new multi-million pound retail development which will bring 12 units to the former Olaf Johnson site next to McDonald's could 'kill' existing shops unless the proposals were reworked.

The group have come up with an alternative vision for the next 12 years which would hopefully regenerate the town centre and provide sites for hundreds of homes which they are trying to prevent being built on green belt land.

It is feared land at Coulter Lane and Highfields Road are now under threat with the sites earmarked for a combined 330 properties between now and 2029.

BAG have proposed:

- The Olaf Johnson scheme should be expanded to encompass a redevelopment of Sankey's Corner.

- The Salters Meadow Centre site in Rugeley Road be 'released' and developed into much-needed housing.

- Derelict land west of Morrisons on the A5190 – known as the blue-hoarding site – be allocated for housing and a medical centre.

- Industrial sites at Mount Road and Prospect Road used for additional housing.

Presenting plans to more than 150 residents at St Matthews Social Club, BAG member Simon Caron said: "There has been twice as much growth in Burntwood than Lichfield has had in recent years. It is time to stop growing this town without a plan. As soon as something happens on one of our roads we get gridlocked.

"It is time we got something better for Burntwood.

"We have got no identity. Pubs are closing, shops are closing. Now is the time to make a change. We haven't got a heart and that is what we are crying out for."

The forthcoming development at the Olaf Johnson site, put forward by London and Cambridge Estates, has been passed by Lichfield District Council.

Iceland and B&M are believed to be on board, and the scheme was welcomed in many quarters, but BAG see it as a potential threat unless the scheme is expanded dramatically.

Group member Peter Button said: "That's going to form a barrier between the new shops and Sankey's Corner. It is going to kill them. The remaining shops are all going to want to move to it because it has a car park.

"We would like to see it keep going into Sankey's Corner and have the ex-



The Olaf Johnson site



Salters Meadow Health Centre



Derelict land on the A5190

isting shops redeveloped. If we could get that, then there is a lot of scope there for a plaza; a square with apartments and boutique or niche-type shops. And I'm not talking about executive homes but one and two-bedroom apartments."

Mr Button said proposals for housing schemes at Mount Road and Prospect Road had been ruled out because there were up to 30 different landowners.

However, BAG believe they would need to convince only three of them to sell land which would accommodate up to 100 homes.

Lichfield District Council leader Mike Wilcox said: "We are keen to listen to all the suggestions."



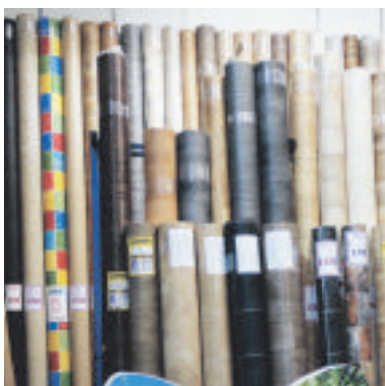
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## Arboretum dementia sessions

THE National Memorial Arboretum is to host its first Memory Lane Café next week.

The free of charge session will run from 10.30am to midday on Friday, May 19, using objects to stimulate senses and aid people in recalling prior experiences.

Organised to coincide with Dementia Awareness Week, the event provides a new forum for people living with dementia, carers, and their friends and family.

It will then take place at the Arboretum on the third Friday of each month, with

each session based around a theme, using donated images and objects from the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s.

Anyone wishing to attend the Memory Lane Café must call 01283 245100 to secure a place as space is limited.

Attendees will receive a free parking voucher for the day and tokens that will entitle everyone in their party to a hot drink and cake at a reduced price of £3.95. A waiting list will operate, and extra sessions may be organised depending on demand.

## Officers seize £500k drugs in fifty days

**ILLICIT drugs with a street value of more than half a million pounds have been seized in a 50-day campaign to tackle dealing. Staffordshire Police's 50-50 operation is a community intelligence-led campaign to show that criminals are 'never safe from prosecution'.**

Across Cannock, Stafford, South Staffordshire and Lichfield in the 50 days, a total of £175,000 of cannabis was seized and destroyed, as well as £800 worth of heroin. There were 18 arrests made in total and 18 drugs raids. Automatic number plate recognition operations and rural and wildlife crime operations

were also carried out.

A total of £1,400 made through criminal activity across the local policing areas was confiscated and will now go towards fighting crime.

Chief Supt Wayne Jones, head of local policing and operations for Staffordshire Police, said 50-50 provided a 'great opportunity' for the public to have a say in some of the enforcement and safety work carried out by the force.

### Arrested

"The vast majority of the activities that we did came as a direct result of someone passing information or highlighting issues to us that we then developed and drew resources from across the force to tackle," he added.

"This wasn't about changing the way we deliver policing, it was about taking the opportunity to highlight to those good-willed people who take the time to pass us intelligence, either anonymously or in person, that we will address their concerns in a swift and effective way."

The 50-50 operation also saw a number of people arrested for owning illegal weapons, dangerous driving, bail offences and drug supply.

Over the 50 days, Staffordshire Police as a whole completed 62 different enforcement activities.

### Burglaries rise

SHED and garage burglaries increased in Stafford every month from December to March. There were 40 break-ins in March compared with 19 in December, although house raids fell from 38 to 24. Police have made 'numerous' arrests.

## Hadley pledges his support for festival



**Tony Hadley – delighted to be asked to support the festival**

POP star and TV personality Tony Hadley is to become a patron of Lichfield Festival.

The Spandau Ballet singer and I'm A Celebrity star will be supporting this year's multi-arts festival in Lichfield, which brings music, arts and entertainment to the city.

The announcement was made at a festival preview held at the House of Commons, hosted by Lichfield Festival's principal partner, London Midland, and introduced by Michael Fabricant MP, himself an enthusiastic supporter and patron of Lichfield Festival.

Hadley said: "This is the first arts charity I've been invited to support and I was delighted to be asked."

"For me, the importance of supporting the arts is in the impact that it has on individuals of all ages."

"I know Lichfield well through family connections and I'm really excited to see where my patronage of the Lichfield Festival will lead in the future."

Lichfield Festival runs from July 7 to 15.

## Have a say on funding

BUILDING firm Jewson has opened nominations for its 2017 Building Better Communities competition and is calling on Staffordshire people to nominate community building projects that are in need of a helping hand.

The total regional prize fund is £200,000 and is open to applications from England, Scotland and Wales.

Nominations can be submitted by visiting [www.buildingbettercommunities.co.uk](http://www.buildingbettercommunities.co.uk) or the Jewson Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/JewsonUK](http://www.facebook.com/JewsonUK)

## Heart failure 'riskier than most cancers'

HEART failure carries with it a higher risk of death than most common types of cancer, according to research carried out by Staffordshire health experts.

The database study found that when comparing survival outcomes, five years post-diagnosis, men diagnosed with heart failure had a 64 per cent greater risk of dying than men with prostate cancer and a 14 per cent greater risk of dying than those diagnosed with bladder cancer. Women diagnosed with heart failure had an 82 per cent greater risk of dying than those women diagnosed with breast cancer.

In the first study of its kind, data was collected from more than 56,000 people between 2000 and 2011 from 393 general practices in Scotland.

The research was carried out by the University of Keele and Academic Department of Cardiology at University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust in collaboration with the Universities of Aberdeen, Manchester and East Anglia.



## Full-time position for firm's first apprentice



Alan Sutherland, Paul Tooth and, right, Paul Woodhead

A RUGELEY firm says it is 'thrilled' at the success of its new apprenticeship programme, after its first trainee joined the workforce full-time.

Paul Woodhead was the first apprentice taken on by GB Plastics, a family business which specialises in supplying low-maintenance building products.

He is now a full-time member of the team at the company's branch and head office at Trent Valley Trading Estate.

He has been taken on full-time as branch assistant, after working as an apprentice branch assistant for 12 months, and completing his NVQ Level 2 in warehousing and storage. Paul is one of a growing band of apprentices working at GB Plastics' six-branch network across the Midlands, with another apprentice shortly to finish their initial 12 months, another splitting her time between college and working, a fourth apprentice six months into his initial 12 months, and plans to recruit at least one more this year.

As well as offering him the full-time role, GB Plastics handed Paul a £100 bonus for completing his NVQ Level 2.

He will now continue with his training and development through continuous in-house training, supplier and product-specific training, as well as maintain his studies with an NVQ Level 2 in customer service.

"We are thrilled that our apprenticeship programme is working so well for us all, and to be able to offer Paul a full-time role at our Rugeley branch," said GB Plastics director Alan Sutherland.

# Home's joy at another top 20 spot for reviews

RESIDENTS and staff at Briar Hill House care home in Rugeley are celebrating being one of the top 20 recommended care homes in the West Midlands for the second year running.

Run by national older people's charity MHA, Briar Hill House received an overall rating of 9.9 for its focus on providing excellent care for all of its residents by people leaving reviews on [www.carehome.co.uk](http://www.carehome.co.uk)

Briar Hill House is home to 36 residents, who all receive personalised care with regular activities for them to join in with.

Among the comments made about the home on the website are:

"I have been visiting my friend since 2007 when he became a resident of Briar Hill. Always, I am made welcome and always the staff are friendly, courteous, caring with an optimistic and positive approach. He is very content."

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stimulating environment which is safe and secure, a variety of activities offered regularly and nourishing, good quality food."

"Briar Hill is a very warm and welcoming place. Bright, clean and modern. The staff are very, very, very caring and helpful."

Home manager Anne Palmer said: "It is great that relatives and friends rate the care we provide so highly."

"And we are delighted to be in the top 20 recommended homes in the West Midlands for the second year running. It is an accolade for everyone who works at the home."

By Simon Stone



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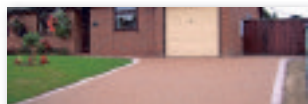


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## Clubs' tribute to roof fall tragedy player

TRIBUTES have been paid to an 'always singing and dancing' cricketer who has died after falling from a roof.

Stuart Clarke, aged 33, from Walsall's Beechdale Estate, plunged about 10ft from the roof of Bloxwich Sports Club in Stafford Road. He was rushed to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham after the fall on April 23 and despite a 10-day long battle he died last Wednesday.



Stuart Clarke

Tributes have poured in for Mr Clarke, who was a member of Bloxwich Cricket Club, based in Stafford Road, and spent three years captaining the first eleven. As part of the tributes, Bloxwich Cricket Club and all the other clubs throughout the Staffordshire Club Cricket Championship, held a minute's applause before their games started over the weekend.

Mark Allcock, chairman of Bloxwich Cricket Club, said: "He never had a bad word to say against anybody."

"He was always singing and dancing and always had time for people. It is a big loss for the club, he was always smiling."

"Stuart has been a member of the cricket club since he was 14. He has grown through the ranks playing junior cricket and then senior cricket. He was club captain for three years and helped the first eleven gain promotion back to the first division. He was a close friend of mine. He coached at the cricket club but he was a bit of an all-round sportsman. He played snooker and bowls for the sports club."

Asked about the incident that led to Mr Clarke's death, which took place just after 2am Mr Allcock added: "It was an unfortunate accident what happened. As far as we are aware he was just coming down on some step ladders and dropped."

## Warning over Land Rovers

THIEVES are targeting Land Rover Defenders across the West Midlands region – stealing the vehicles or taking parts, according to an insurer.

NFU Mutual says claims for thefts of the vehicle or for parts have increased from £246,290 in 2015 to £266,920 in 2016.

It comes as the last of the Land Rover Defenders rolled off the production line in January last year.

In March last year a Land Rover Defender was stolen from Walsall, and was found in Telford four months later.

Clive Harris, agricultural vehicle specialist at NFU Mutual, said: "The Defender is no longer in production which has prompted a greater demand, making them a bigger target for thieves."

"I urge Land Rover Defender owners to be vigilant and be on their guard. Owners should ensure they have adequate security measures in place and consider fitting an after-market approved immobiliser and a tracking device if possible."

"When not in use Defenders should be parked in a garage or a secure area which is well lit if possible."

"Never leave keys in the ignition and keep keys out of sight at home and when out in public areas; it's essential that easy opportunities are taken away from thieves."

## 'Have a go' event about to launch

FREE and low-cost sailing and windsurfing is coming to Staffordshire for nine days from Saturday in the RYA Push the Boat Out 'have a go' festival.

Last year, more than 4,000 people across the Midlands discovered sailing for the first time through Push the Boat Out.

Five clubs and centres will be opening their gates and hosting Push the Boat Out open days and 'taster' events until Sunday, May 21. The clubs and centres hosting events around Staffordshire are Manor Park, Rudyard Lake, North Staffs, Greensforge and Tamworth sailing clubs.

To find your nearest event and for full details of what is going on and when at each participating sailing club and centre, visit [www.rya.org.uk/PTBO](http://www.rya.org.uk/PTBO)

To search for an event where disabled people can get on the water, tick the 'Sailability' activities box.

## Picture focus



Down the slide on the Pretty Muddy Run at Weston Park on Saturday



Shropshire runners Lucy French-Rodgers, Chloe French and Joy Todd



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Donna Scaife, Emma Clarke and Hannah Grove from the University of Wolverhampton

# Muddy good fun as runners tackle park obstacle course



Emma Lovett and Jane Candlin from Telford



Lou Bromley completes the 5km run



A muddy hug for these two participants



Over 2,000 women were covered in mud at the event



A wave as she reaches the finishing line



Covered in mud – but still smiling

**PRETTY muddy and still smiling – 2,000 women took part in the third Race for Life Pretty Muddy event at Weston Park, near Shifnal, raising about £50,000 for charity.**

The women, from teenagers to grandmothers, completed five kilometre and 10 kilometre obstacle courses which included cargo nets, slides and of course lots of mud.

Organiser, Emily Thompson, said those taking part came from as far afield as Wales as well as from Wolverhampton and the West Midlands.

She said those taking part had a great time, despite grey skies on Saturday.

Now working for Cancer Research, Emily started fundraising when her mother, Denise

### Report by Sue Austin

Smith, who died in 2005, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Her father, David, is a cancer survivor, having been diagnosed in 2009.

"It is a very emotional event. There are so many people who take part in memory of friends and family or because they are cancer survivors," she said.

"One of those I spoke to, Jo Griffiths, told me she was taking part after her treatment three years ago for breast cancer, which took the lives of her grandmother and her mother. Stories like that are typical."

It is holding its traditional, non muddy, Race for Life runs in Telford on May 21 and Shrewsbury's Quarry on June 11.



## Police 'need more guidance' over stalking

MORE guidance needs to be given to Staffordshire Police officers on how victims of stalking should be supported, a panel has found.

The Ethics, Transparency and Audit Panel (ETAP) in Staffordshire looked into the issue as part of National Stalking Awareness Week. The panel, set up by Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis in 2013, met with officers to learn more about the policies in place, the training they receive and the relationships officers have with agencies which support victims.

It found that while Staffordshire Police has 'fairly robust' procedures in place for dealing with stalking and harassment crimes, it recommended that more guidance needs to be provided to officers on supporting victims.

Mr Ellis said: "Since this report was done, we have launched the Staffordshire Victim Gateway, which is about putting victims' needs first and providing them with free advice and support."

Det Supt Jay Omer said: "It is important that stalking behaviour is identified early and acted upon but this relies upon the victim to trust their instincts and recognise when someone's behaviour is being intrusive."

# Facebook 'friend' aims to boost district's breastfeeding numbers

**CANNOCK Chase Council is supporting a Public Health England campaign to help improve breastfeeding rates in the district.**

The programme aims to help parents develop healthy behaviours and features a new interactive Breast Feeding Friend (BFF) Chat Bot.

The BFF is accessed through Facebook Messenger and provides support for mothers at any time of the day or night to help make breastfeeding a better experience.

The BFF will also dispel any breastfeeding myths and help alleviate concerns mothers might have. It also works as a live chat tool, which is able to respond to any questions mums might have.

In Cannock Chase the breastfeeding initiation rates are 66 per cent, but drop to 26.1 per cent after six to eight weeks. Evidence shows that



Public Health England is campaigning to improve breastfeeding rates

the right support can help mothers to breastfeed for longer.

Natalie Barrow, public health lead environmental health officer at Cannock Chase Council, said: "Breastfeeding initiation and prevalence rates in Cannock Chase remain lower than rates in England."

"The Start4Life Breastfeeding Friend is a great tool for mums in the Cannock Chase district who are looking

for help and advice about breastfeeding."

"Support can make a real difference to successful breastfeeding, so building a network of people who can share tips and advice or attending local breastfeeding groups can be beneficial." A survey of 500 mothers of young children commissioned by Public Health England showed that more than half of new mothers were

concerned that breastfeeding could mean that they would not be able to tell if their baby was getting too much, or not enough, milk.

Nearly three in 10 mothers were worried that breastfeeding could mean their baby might not be getting the right nutrients, indicating why mothers may stop breastfeeding early on.

### Advice

Breastfeeding boosts a baby's ability to fight illness and infection, with babies who are breastfed less likely to get diarrhoea and respiratory infection. It also lowers a mother's risk of ovarian and breast cancer and can burn 500 calories a day.

For more information and advice and tips on breastfeeding visit [www.nhs.uk/start4life](http://www.nhs.uk/start4life)

To access the Breastfeeding BFF, open Facebook Messenger and search Start4Life Breastfeeding Friend or visit [m.me/Start4LifeBreastFeedingFriend](https://m.me/Start4LifeBreastFeedingFriend) to get started.

## Arriva will run extra services on Bower day

ARRIVA Midlands is putting on extra buses for people going to Lichfield Greenhill Bower.

A cut-price family ticket will be available on the day of the event, May 29.

In addition to the usual Sunday timetable operated on bank holiday Mondays, extra buses will run on the 60 service, leaving Five Ways, Heath Hayes, at 9.28am, 10.28am, 11.28am and 1.28pm via Chase Terrace, Sankey's Corner and Burntwood and Farewell Lane to Lichfield bus station. Extra buses will return along the same route from Lichfield at 2.13pm, 3.13pm, 4.13pm and 5.13pm.

For Rugeley passengers, additional buses are being laid on alongside the regular 825, departing Rugeley bus station at 9.40am, 10.40am, 11.40am and 12.40pm and travelling to Lichfield bus station via Handsacre. The return service will leave Lichfield bus station at 2.10pm, 3.10pm, 4.10pm and 5.10pm.

Rob Cheveaux, area managing director at Arriva, said: "We know that many of our passengers love attending the Lichfield Bower and we're delighted to be able to run these extra services to ensure that they have a great day out." Visit [www.arrivabus.co.uk/midlands](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk/midlands)

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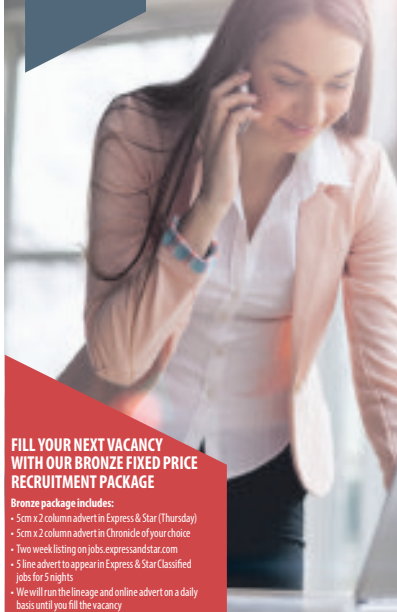
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Politicians ignore voice of the people

AS much as Andrew Williams of Rugeley may think he has 'the facts' on EU membership, he is in fact incorrect in a number of ways (Chronicle, April 27).

1 We joined the Common Market in April 1973, not 1975, but with no referendum on our entry.

2 We had a referendum on remaining in the Common Market in 1975.

3 John Major offered us no referendum in 1992 for the Maastricht Treaty.

4 Then in 2007 we had the Lisbon Treaty, which led to even greater integration of member states. Gordon Brown signed us into a greater deal which we could only extricate ourselves from by way of a referendum, in 2016. Which brings us up to date.

As for Clare Sholl's letter (May 4), she was taught far different facts to those I was taught in my political studies of the late 70s and early 1980s. We were still told it was Economic Union, nothing more.

So, the 'facts' are: we've had two referenda, but at least five treaties and no say in four of them. No wonder so many voted for Brexit last year. Democracy is about the voice of the people, but politicians of all persuasions are adept at ignoring that fact.

**KEVIN TINDILL**  
Cannock



Potholes have become a major issue in Staffordshire and elsewhere

Vote has sent out the wrong message

LOGIC defeats me in connection with the county council elections. The people have strongly complained about cuts in services and the real biggie, potholes!

Who do they think is responsible for the demise of services and lack of road repairs? Yet they still voted the Conservative council back in, with an increased majority.

This, to me, totally beggars belief, as this endorses all that the county council have done over the past few years, and says 'carry on' cutting services and spending on roads, as we really don't mind.

I am sure the Chronicle will still be showing the pothole photos, and running articles on the cuts in public services, and I hope that those still complaining didn't put their vote in the Conservative box. Otherwise they need to shut up, as they endorsed what they voted for.

**SUE WOOD**  
Great Wyrley

It was a privilege to represent you

MAY I say, through your letters page, a big thank you to all the residents of Hednesford and Rawsley that voted for me to be re-elected as their Labour councillor in the election last Thursday.

Unfortunately, I was not re-elected. It has been a privilege and an honour to represent you for the past four years and I have met and worked with many residents and groups over that time and made some good friends.

I wish my successors well in their term of office and hope that residents will work with them, as they have with myself and Councillor George Adamson, for the past four years.

Once again, thank you for voting me and for your continuing support.

**COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE MITCHELL**  
Cannock

Superb entertainment was worth the journey

ON Friday evening, April 28, my wife and I travelled from Coventry to Great Wyrley Methodist Church to see the superb Cannock Chase Orpheus Male Choir perform.

It was a charity concert for Cancer Research UK and also to celebrate one of their choristers' 101st birthday, a Mr Cyril Hockam.

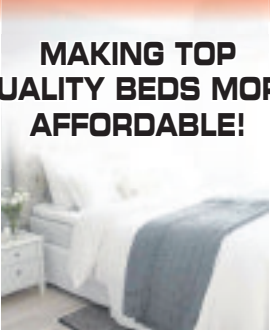
Well, what a wonderful evening of entertainment it was. A variety of songs sung superbly by the gents, professionally directed by Mr Allan Jones, piano accompaniment by the extremely talented Pauline Pritchard and the lady soloist soprano Cheryl Hockam, who was an absolute delight.

A very well done to you all. When's the next one?

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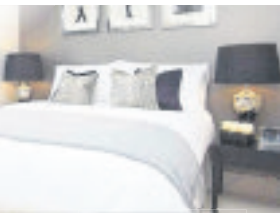


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Dave Hill – Slade in 'ome town show'



Midlands rock legends Magnum

# Enjoy top note Robin 2 line-up

ONE of the Black Country's most popular venues has unveiled a packed line-up for the rest of the year with legendary names from a host of musical genres.

The Robin 2 at Bilston has released a packed guide to all of the shows booked from now until early next year. A highlight will see the return of Spandau Ballet heartthrob Martin Kemp on July 4. Radio presenter Paul Franks will be hosting An Audience with Martin Kemp, which will include an hour long Q&A when fans get to quiz their favourite bassist. Tickets are £20 or £22.50 on the door.

There are also some exclusive backstage Meet and Greet tickets for fans to have photographs and autographs with the musician and actor for £20.

## Anniversary

Also talking about his many years in the music industry, on September 24, will be the once-spiky haired icon of the eighties Nik Kershaw. He is back on the road with the all-seated An Evening with Nik Kershaw show following the success of his Me, Myself and I tour in 2014. Tickets are £25 or £27 on the door.

2017 marks 25 years since the Robin 1 opened in Brierley Hill. The venue, which closed in 2003, will be remembered at the Robin 2 on July 14 with a performance by one of the bands that started it all – Soul Survivors. And, the good news for music lovers is admission is at 1992 prices, £5 a ticket or £6 on the door. Ex-staff can get in free by contacting the box office.

The Skids stop off at the Robin on their 40th anniversary tour. Big hits for The Skids included Into the Valley, Sweet Sur-



Joining the Robin line-up – Martin Kemp, Heather Small and Nik Kershaw

buria and The Saints are Coming. Also marking an anniversary is entertainer Richard Digance, marking 50 years of songs and stories that led to him getting a BAFTA nomination, with his Golden Anniversary 2017 show on September 6.

Eighties favourites T'Pau, fronted by Shropshire girl Carol Decker, is there on July 6 offering 'a rare full band show' and covering such chart toppers as China in Your Hand and Heart and Soul followed up shortly afterwards on July 16 by another 80s chart hit, Hue & Cry who had a huge hit with the track Labour of Love.

Bank Holiday Sunday, May 28, brings an all-day Slade Convention including a Q&A with John Steele from the Animals and executive producer for Slade in Flame. The evening will see tribute band Slyde performing all of their hits. An afternoon and evening ticket is £18 on the door.

And there is a treat for fans later in the year when Slade featuring Dave Hill

and Don Powell perform for a 'ome town show' on December 15 because of course it's Chreeest-muss! Canadian singer/songwriter Ron Sexsmith appears on May 22. Tickets are £29.50 on the door. Fellow Canadian singer Lee Aaron is on July 17.

Ex Rainbow and Schenker star Graham Bonnet brings his band to the venue on July 27 and two days later the Midlands rock legends Magnum hit the stage in what is likely to be a sell-out. And stalwart US rock band Living Colour perform on September 27. US AOR band Harline are on May 23 celebrating their 25th anniversary of debut album Double Eclipse.

Dr Feelgood is in a double header with Eddie and the Hot Rods on May 26. Dr Feelgood had such hits as Milk and Alcohol and Roxette while Eddie and the Hot Rods had the top 10 hit Do Anything You Wanna Do. From the Jam are back on June 2 with former bassist with The Jam Bruce Foxton joined by guitarist Russell Hastings and The Alarm drummer Steve Smiley



Eighties favourites Carol Decker

Barnard. The voice of M People, Heather Small, is at the Robin 2 on October 14 performing many of the band's hits such as Moving on Up and Search for The Hero. Tickets are £29.50 or £31.50 on the door.

The busy line-up for the Robin 2 runs into the Christmas season and beyond with highlights including soul legends Shalamar on November 8 and The Real Thing on November 17 as well as Les McKeown of Bay City Rollers on November 24.

China Crisis on November 26 and Go West on December 2 promise some more hits from the 80s while Boney M are lined up for December 16.

Chase and Dave are at the venue on December 23 while Bad Manners bring their ska sound on December 27. A host of tribute bands are lined up with one of the interesting being Blobbie Williams offering his own take on the Robbie Williams hits.

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# Professor Cox: I'll talk weird science

**T**he world record for tickets sold for a science show was held by Professor Brian Cox. That was until another man came along and smashed it to smithereens.

His name was, you guessed it, Professor Brian Cox. The multiple-world-record holder sold 75,000 for a previous tour. But his latest Professor Brian Cox Live shows will seem him performed to around 150,000 people – twice as many as his previous run.

And Brian can't wait to get into some of the UK's biggest venues – including Birmingham's Barclaycard Arena tonight – to talk about science.

He will take audiences on a dazzling journey through space and time, delving into 'high science' and freewheeling on the edges of the known cosmos. Whether an avid science reader or a total novice, Professor Brian Cox Live will test the limits of our knowledge and make highly complex ideas accessible to all.

He plans to take science to a new dimension in a show hosted by Infinite Monkey Cage co-host Robin Ince.

Brian's excited about the prospect of hitting the road because he would be able to use massive screens to properly showcase the 'beautiful' high resolution imagery of various galaxies from the Hubble Space Telescope.

He says: "The exciting thing about these, from the (shows) before Christmas, we're in really big venues.

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"It's huge, and what you realise is the images we've now got from the Hubble and Cassini, which has been in the news a lot over the last few weeks, they're such incredible high-res images, when you put them on screens like that and fill arenas with them, they look spectacular.

"I don't think anyone ever gets a chance to do it, to give them the presentation they deserve because they are beautifully detailed, and that's the most exciting thing."

Brian has presented numerous science programmes for the BBC and has been described by Sir David Attenborough as his natural successor. He has spoken about astronomy and physics and hopes to give people the enthusiasm to learn.

He says: "They will know more in the sense that they might not have thought about the vastness of the universe, but one of the only things you can aim to do in a show is to trigger a desire to learn more, because you can't even begin to scratch the surface of what we know."

On his present tour, he hopes to answer people's questions about the meaning of life and the possibility of aliens with his shows.

"That's why I'm doing this tour, so I can answer them once and for all. I should add that I don't know the answer to either of those questions – I'll give my opinion."

Brian has been thrust into the spotlight and some have questioned



Let's get physic-al – Professor Brian Cox talks science



the way science has moved into the mainstream and been used as entertainment.

However, he believes it is healthy for people to learn more – providing they are basing their opinions on fact.

"One has to be careful when communicating uncertainty in science, especially in politicized areas such as climate science. The reason is that uncertainty is often misunderstood and occasionally misused by self-styled 'on-line magazine editors' or opinion formers 'who are always right' – you know the sort.

"But surely it isn't a bad thing to challenge a scientific theory or prediction? Isn't the reason for the success of science the fundamental axiom, if you like, that all theories or predictions MUST be falsifiable, and are NEVER to be assumed to be absolutely correct? And doesn't the very requirement of the falsifiability of any theory or prediction demand that someone should try to falsify them? Yes, to all of the above.

"BUT, there is statement that I believe to be correct, and can be made with certainty. It is this: The consensus scientific view is the best we can do at any given time, given the available data and our understanding of it.

"It is not legitimate and certainly of no scientific value (although there may be political value) to attack a prediction because you don't like the consequences, or you don't like the sort of people who are happy with the prediction, or you don't like the people who

*We have a really big screen, a ridiculous screen – like 30m wide and 15m high*

made the prediction, or you don't like the sort of policy responses that prediction might suggest or encourage, or even if you simply see yourself as a challenger of consensus views in the name of some ideal or other. It is only appropriate to criticise a prediction or theory based on specific criticisms of the data, methodology or the underlying theoretical framework. It is content-less to criticize a scientific prediction because you don't like it."

Brian was born in Oldham and now lives in London after writing, or co-writing, more than 950 scientific publications. He was an entertainer before becoming a TV scientist, playing the keyboards for D:Ream and Dare. He's won numerous awards and in 2002 he was elected an International Fellow of The Explorers Club and in 2006 he received the British Association's Lord Kelvin Award for this work.

He held a prestigious Royal Society University Research Fellowship from 2006 to 2013 and in 2010 won the Institute of Physics Kelvin Prize for his work in communicating the appeal and excitement of physics to the general public.

He was appointed OBE in the Queen's 2010 Birthday Honours for services to science and in 2011, he won Best Presenter and Best Science/Natural History programme by the Royal Television Society for Wonders of the Universe. A year later, he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Open University.

● For more entertainment news see The Ticket in your Express & Star every Friday.





John Partridge and Adrian Zmed in La Cage aux Folles

## Glamour is such a drag in La Cage Aux Folles

Theatre mogul Bill Kenwright is reviving glamorous drag musical La Cage Aux Folles and bringing it to Birmingham Hippodrome from Tuesday to Saturday, May 16-20, as part of a UK tour.

Theatre star John Partridge will play the iconic role of Albin, star drag act Zaza at the infamous La Cage aux Folles nightclub in St Tropez.

Partridge's extensive theatre credits include the West End productions of A Chorus Line, Cats, Starlight Express and Chicago. He is also well known for playing Christian Clarke in BBC's EastEnders.

American actor and singer Adrian Zmed will play Georges, partner of Albin and owner of the nightclub. Zmed co-starred with William Shatner in the 70s hit TV show TJ Hooker and played Johnny Nogerelli in the

movie Grease 2. This will be his first stage appearance in the UK although he is no stranger to Broadway.

Written by Harvey Fierstein and Jerry Herman, and based on the 1973 French play of the same name by Jean Poiret, La Cage Aux Folles follows the story of Georges and Albin as their way of life is threatened when Georges' son Jean-Michel announces his engagement to the daughter of a notorious right-wing politician. When a meeting of the parents forces the gay couple to cover up their lifestyle, will Albin be able to play the role of his life? This show-stopping score includes The Best of Times and the iconic I Am What I Am. La Cage Aux Folles is a multi-award winning musical.

For tickets [www.birminghamhippodrome.com](http://www.birminghamhippodrome.com) or call 0844 338 5000. The show also visits Wolverhampton Grand next month.

## Count your lucky stars Dean's back



American singer-songwriter Dean Friedman returns to the UK for an extensive tour - including a gig at Bilston's Robin 2 venue on Wednesday (May 17).

He is promoting Words & Music, his double CD collection featuring 30 original songs from his last six studio albums.

New Jersey-born Friedman first marked his entry into pop consciousness in 1977 with US top 20 chart success of his infectious hit single, Ariel, a quirky pop song about a free spirited, pot-smoking, vegetarian Jewish girl who lived, as the lyric goes "...way on the other side of the Hudson".

Friedman scored again with the release of second album, Well, Well, Said the Rocking Chair' and its hit single, Lucky Stars, which reached no3 in the UK chart. This duet with Denise Marsa was followed by radio favourite Lydia.

Friedman's next single, McDonald's Girl was banned by the BBC for mentioning the fast food restaurant. The irrepressible pop song has been covered by a number of bands including top Canadian band, Barenaked Ladies. The song has become a viral YouTube video hit, and a staple of high school a capella groups, around the world.

Friedman's consummate songwriting and performing, have earned him a loyal

international following, devoted to his sophisticated, funny and sometimes profound songs.

In more recent times he formed an alliance with British satirical rock band Half Man Half Biscuit, who on their 1987 album Back Again in the DHSS included a song entitled The Bastard Son of Dean Friedman. Biscuit lyricist Nigel Blackman and Friedman met at the 2003 Edinburgh Festival Fringe and seven years later the American singer joined the band on stage at the Robin.

Friedman, who lives in upstate New York with his wife and a very small dog, will be on stage at 8.30pm for the all-seated gig.

See [www.therobin.co.uk](http://www.therobin.co.uk) or call 01902 401211.

## Funny business to help charities

Top comedians are on the way to help charities. On May 18 the fourth Hilarity Charity Gala at Wolverhampton Grand will raise money for the city's Central Youth Theatre. Daniel Kitson returns to host with Romesh Ranganathan, Josh Widdicombe, Tim Key and Suzi Ruffell on the bill.

On May 31 at Birmingham Rep, Joe Lycett (pictured) joins host Tiernan Douieb, Nish Kumar, Tez Ilyas, Allyson June Smith and Mrs Barbara Nice in the Stand Up For Refugees night.



## Charlotte brings her Pop Dungeon party

Pick of the gigs include US rock band The Districts - who delivered a blistering set at 2015 Glastonbury - at the O2 Institute on May 20, the same night the revived Echobelly play the Digbeth venue's other room. Charlotte Church brings her Pop Dungeon party to the same venue tomorrow (Friday) with other acts coming up there including The Cribbs, The Japanese House, Gavin DeGraw, veteran space rockers Hawkwind, Natalie Imbruglia, and Leftfield. The unclassifiable Hackney Colliery Band play Birmingham Rep on Saturday and pop sensation Ariana Grande plays the Genting Arena on May 18. Singer-songwriter Billy Rowan, AKA The Undercover Hippy, plays Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms on Saturday. Former chief Lemonhead Evan Dando is at the same venue on May 17.

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CHOICE



Sue Perkins

**British Academy Television Awards 2017 (BBC1, 8pm)**  
Sue Perkins hosts the awards ceremony from London's Royal Festival Hall. The Crown, Planet Earth II, The Last Leg, People Just Do Nothing, The Real Marigold Hotel and Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway are among the shows in the running, while stars nominated for awards include Benedict Cumberbatch, Olivia Colman, Clare Foy, Adeel Akhtar, Steve Coogan, Nikki Amuka-Bird, Sarah Lancashire and Tom Hollander.

BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.40** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **3.00** Flog It! (R) **4.00** Points of View. **4.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.15** Songs of Praise. **5.50** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **6.35** BBC News. **6.50** Regional Programme. **7.00** Countryfile. Matt Baker reports on a plan to preserve the Suffolk Broads and its wildlife with a vast land purchase, while Ellie Harrison visits a community-run farm where all waste is re-used. John Craven celebrates National Mills Weekend at Bardwell, Tom Heap investigates egg thieves who are endangering rare birds, and Adam Henson and Charlotte Smith meet a young farmer nominated for special recognition by viewers. **8.00** British Academy Television Awards 2017. Sue Perkins hosts the awards ceremony from London's Royal Festival Hall. Shows in the running include The Crown, Planet Earth II, The Last Leg and People Just Do Nothing. **10.00** BBC News. **10.20** Regional Programme. **10.30** Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman is joined by Jermaine Jenas to review the latest Premier League action, featuring Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester United at White Hart Lane, Crystal Palace v Hull City at Selhurst Park and West Ham United v Liverpool at the Olympic Stadium. Plus, a look back at the rest of the weekend's fixtures. **11.45** Murder in Successville. DI Sleet and sidekick Reggie Yates go on a stag night that turns deadly when undercover detective Noel Edmunds is found dead in a compromising position. **12.15** Film: Forget Me Not. (2011) A musician comes to the aid of a barmaid being accosted by a drunk. Together they go on a journey around London and begin to fall in love, but as the night draws to a close, a secret threatens to bring their fledgling relationship to an end before it has begun. Romantic drama, with Tobias Menzies and Genevieve O'Reilly. **1.45** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.50** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.30** The Instant Gardener. (R) **7.15** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.15** The Beechgrove Garden. **8.45** Countryfile. (R) **9.45** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.15** Great British Menu. (R) **11.45** Great British Menu. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Triathlon World Series: Yokohama Highlights. **2.30** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Warrington Wolves v Widnes Vikings (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.00** Athletics: Diamond League Shanghai Highlights. **6.00** Inside the Factory: How Our Favourite Foods Are Made. Gregg Wallace and Cherry Healey find out about the production of three household staples, beginning with bread. Gregg visits one of Britain's largest bakeries, which makes up to one and a half millions loaves each week, where he sees a machine that can bag a loaf in mid-air. Cherry is at a mill to discover the secret of making the perfect flour and historian Ruth Goodman shows the hidden killers that used to lurk within bread. (R) **7.00** Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby. Giles Coren and Monica Galletti join the staff working in some of the most unusual hotels around the world, learning the tricks of the trade. (R) **8.00** Mexico: Earth's Festival of Life. Exploring the forests of the Yucatan Peninsula, which contain the ruins of the Mayan civilisation and a wide range of wildlife, including jaguars, monkeys and tropical birds. The region also holds a secret that is the key to how Mexico's people and animals are able to survive during the country's dry season. **9.00** Dara and Ed's Road to Mandalay. Dara O Briain and Ed Byrne reach Thailand, where they find out about locals' reaction to the tourist explosion in Bangkok, visit an elephant sanctuary and enjoy a massage. **10.00** Film: Half of a Yellow Sun. (2013) Two sisters pursue separate lives in newly-liberated Nigeria, only to get caught up in the civil war. Drama, starring Thandie Newton, Anika Noni Rose and Chiwetel Ejiofor. **11.45** Film: Memento. (2000) Christopher Nolan's thriller, with Guy Pearce and Carrie-Anne Moss. **1.45** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **2.45** Holby City. (R) **3.45** This is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.25** Sooty. (R) **6.35** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Marvel Avengers Assemble. (R) **7.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.55** NinjaGo: Masters of Spinjitzu. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Countrywise. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Judge Rinder. (R) **11.55** ITV News: Weather. **12.10** Tipping Point. (R) **1.10** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **2.05** The Chase. (R) **3.05** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **4.20** Film: Live and Let Die. (1973) James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore. **6.35** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.45** ITV News: Weather. **7.00** Bigheads. Jason Manford hosts the comedy game show in which contestants compete in a series of bizarre physical challenges while wearing giant model heads of Simon Cowell, Vladimir Putin, Prince Charles and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall. They must dodge past giant bouncers to get into a nightclub, fight over microphones to record a single, and get away before the paparazzi see them. With commentary from Jenny Powell and Kriss Akabusi. **8.00** The Durrells. Larry moves back into the family's villa having come down with mumps, which Louisa hopes will give Aunt Hermione an incentive to cancel her planned visit. Her hopes prove in vain when her overbearing relative turns up, accompanied by medium Mrs Haddock (Una Stubbs), who claims to be able to contact Louisa's husband. She tells Louisa that he is terribly unhappy about her numerous male admirers, fuelling her doubts over her relationship with Hugh, and proposes a seance on a stormy night to set his troubled spirit at rest. **9.00** Granthchester. A factory worker dies in what appears to be a drunken accident, but Geordie suspects foul play. However, secret forces are determined to shut down his investigation. **10.00** ITV News: Weather. **10.20** Peston on Sunday. (R) **11.20** Lethal Weapon. (R) **12.10** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

**6.15** The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** The King of Queens. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Eat the Week. **1.30** Film: Dr Dolittle. (1998) Comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. **3.10** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.15** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **5.15** Escape to Costa Rica. **6.15** Channel 4 News. **6.45** Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Highlights. Steve Jones presents action from the fifth round of the season at the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona, where Max Verstappen was the surprise winner last season. That was the first F1 win for the Dutchman, who became the youngest driver to ever win a Formula One Grand Prix at just 18 years and 228 days, replacing the record previously set by Sebastian Vettel. **9.00** The Island with Bear Grylls. The castaways enter their final days on the island, and Karen's health is deteriorating dangerously, as she suffers low blood sugar and diarrhoea. Ben and Jager try to catch some fish or hunt an elusive turkey, while Aran and Jacqui stumble across a calm crocodile – which while dangerous, may also be an urgently needed source of food. **10.00** Surviving The Island with Bear Grylls. The castaways look back on the past five weeks on the island, and Bear reveals which of the two groups did the best job of surviving. Last in the series. **11.00** Film: Prisoners. (2013) The distraught father of a missing child kidnaps a man he believes is responsible for her disappearance. Thriller, starring Hugh Jackman. **1.50** Millionaires' Mansions: Designing Britain's Most Exclusive Homes. Luxury design, including a custom-fitted bed company, a man who creates unique fragrances for clients' homes and Sol Campbell's wife Fiona, a leading light in the furniture world. (R) **2.45** Location, Location, Location. Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help couples in Hertfordshire and north London. (R) **3.40** Building the Dream. A couple build a home in the style of a Georgian rectory. **4.35** KOTV Boxing Weekly. Katie Taylor v Milena Koleva. **5.05** Gillette World Sport. With Kim Jung-Hwan, Johnny Durand and Antoine Griezmann.

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Milkshake! Monkey. **6.05** Mr Men. (R) **6.15** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.20** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.25** Wisper. (R) **6.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **6.45** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.00** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.10** Only the Little White Van. (R) **7.15** Only the Little White Van. (R) **7.20** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.35** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **7.55** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.15** Wisper. (R) **8.25** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.40** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.05** Little Princess. (R) **9.20** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.25** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.30** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.40** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.55** The Fairly OddParents. (R) **10.30** Access. (R) **10.40** Criminals: Caught on Camera. (R) **11.10** Film: Michael. (1996) Fantasy comedy, starring John Travolta. **1.10** On Benefits: Breadline Brits. (R) **2.10** On Benefits: The Compensation King. (R) **3.10** On Benefits: Famous & Claiming. (R) **4.10** On Benefits: Spend it Like Beckham. (R) **5.10** Britain's Best Loved Double Acts. (R) **8.00** Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud. Compilation of internet videos featuring children doing bizarre and humorous things. Youngsters featured include sassy six-year-old Johanna, whose extraordinary performance of Aretha Franklin's Respect at her school recital in 2015 has been viewed more than 50 million times. Plus, three-year-old April, who blames a nail-polish disaster on her doll. Narrated by Iain Lee. (R) **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** When Game Shows Go Horribly Wrong. Dale Winton narrates a compilation of disastrous game show moments. Featuring contestants on The Million Pound Drop failing to pay attention to a question with a fortune at stake, the least successful player to appear on The Chase, the woman who broke her leg on The Krypton Factor and still finished third and the Princess Diana-themed episode of Channel 5 quiz show 100%. **12.05** The Best of Bad TV: When Comedy Shows Go Wrong. More misjudged small-screen comedy, including the 1990 sitcom Heil Honey, I'm Home. (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** Top 20 Funniest. A man's new TV slips out of his hands. (R) **4.00** Streets of Rage: Caught on Camera. (R) **4.50** House Doctor. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** The Birth of British Music **8.00** The Secret Life of the Motorway **9.00** DJ: Made in America **10.30** Storyville: Circus Elephant Rampage **11.25** Timeshift: How Britain Won the Space Race – The Story of Bernard Lovell and Jodrell Bank **12.25** Horizon: The Creative Brain – How Insight Works **1.25** Nature's Great Events **2.25** Michael Palin's Quest for Artemisia **3.25** Close **ITV2**  
**12.35** Film: The Smurfs (2011) **1.35** FYI Daily **1.40** Film: The Smurfs (2011) **2.40** Film: A Cinderella Story (2004) **3.40** FYI Daily **3.45** Film: A Cinderella Story (2004) **4.55** Britain's Got Talent **5.50** Britain's Got More Talent **6.50** Film: Step Up (2006) **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55** Film: Step Up (2006) **9.00** Take Me Out – The Gossip **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.25** The Cleveland Show **1.20** The Vampire Diaries **2.10** The Hot Desk: Zara Larsson **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen **ITV3**  
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**1.40** Film: The Horse Soldiers (1959) **2.40** FYI Daily **2.45** Film: The Horse Soldiers (1959) **4.05** Film: Apache (1954) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15** Film: Apache (1954) **5.55** River Monsters **7.00** Fishing Impossible **8.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special **9.00** Car Crash Global **10.05** Film: Assault on Precinct 13 (2005) **11.10** FYI Daily **11.15** Film: Assault on Precinct 13 (2005) **12.20** River Monsters **2.20** Tommy Cooper **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **E4**  
**1.30** Baby Daddy **2.00** Kevin Can Wait **2.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** New Girl **3.30** Film: Thunderbirds (2004) **5.20** Rude (ish) Tube Shorts **5.35** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Tattoo Fixers **12.05** Rude Tube **1.05** E4's Tattoo Artist of the Year: The Finale **2.10** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **Film4**  
**1.00** Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011) **2.45** Carry On Teacher (1959) **4.30** St. Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **6.35** Star Trek (2009) **9.00** Unknown (2011) **11.15** Shutter Island (2010) **1.55** Eyes Without a Face (1960) **3.50** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Rise of the Krays, Channel 5, 10pm

Biopic of the gangster brothers, exploring their formative years. Twins Ronnie and Reggie begin their criminal career as 18-year-old amateur boxers, and rapidly rise to become the most feared gang leaders in the London underworld, their brutal excesses observed by a close friend. Starring Kevin Leslie, Simon Cotton and Nicola Stapleton. (2015)

TUESDAY

Hannibal, Channel 5, 11.05pm

Fugitive serial killer Dr Hannibal Lecter has gone into hiding as an academic in Italy, but a disfigured victim is determined to find him and inflict a gruesome revenge. FBI agent Clarice Starling is once again drawn into the doctor's deadly orbit as she finds herself being used as bait for the avenger's trap. Ridley Scott's thriller sequel, starring Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore, Gary Oldman and Ray Liotta. (2001)



Hannibal, Tuesday, Channel 5, 11.05pm

WEDNESDAY

The Debt, Channel 4, 1.25am

Three Mossad agents are declared heroes in 1965 for apparently killing a notorious Nazi war criminal. Nearly 30 years later, they receive shocking news, as the secrets that were buried during the assignment come back to haunt them. Thriller, starring Helen Mirren. Tom Wilkinson, Ciaran Hinds, Jessica Chastain, Marton Csokas and Sam Worthington. (2010)

THURSDAY

Social Nightmare, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A talented student-to-be is targeted by a hacker who begins posting inappropriate content on her social network accounts. Mystery thriller, starring Kirsten Prout. Edited for daytime broadcast. (2013)

FRIDAY

The Mystery Cruise, Channel 5, 3.15pm

During a three-day murder-mystery game on board a cruise ship to promote the release of her bestselling mother's latest novel, a private investigator and her best friend suspect that a real killer may be on the loose. Thriller, starring Gail O'Grady, Michelle Harrison and Venus Terzo. (2013)

## Walking into a nightmare that looks like it will never end

In 2010, the BBC drama Five Daughters won praise for its sensitive look at the victims of the Ipswich serial murders and the impact the crimes had on their families.

Now the producers and director are reuniting for Three Girls, a three-part series which is broadcast over consecutive nights and draws on the true stories of the victims of sexual abuse in Rochdale.

The case shocked Britain and led to nine men being convicted and sentenced, but the drama focuses on the children who were groomed during the period 2008 to 2012.

Writer Nicola Taylor, whose previous credits include the one-off Sheridan Smith drama The C Word, believes that despite the publicity the case received, the girls' stories were not always heard. She says: "Whatever I thought I knew about what had happened in Rochdale, I knew nothing until I met the girls and their families.

"Listening to them was the beginning of understanding – not

just of the terrible suffering they experienced, but of the courage it took to persist and persist over years, in telling authorities who didn't want to know, and ultimately participate in the court proceedings that brought justice."

The series has been made with the full cooperation of the victims and their families, and director Philippa Lowthorpe pays tribute to their bravery. She says: "It's both a privilege and a responsibility to be allowed to tell this powerful, true story. I have huge respect for the girls and their families for sharing their experiences with us. It's through their courage in speaking out that we can try to understand the devastating effects of grooming.

"During the research, not only was it incredibly moving hearing the stories of the girls and their families, but also the experiences of those who fought to protect the girls and bring the perpetrators to justice."

In Three Girls, Maxine Peake and Lesley Sharp will play two women who were instrumental in getting the girls' voices heard. The impressive

supporting cast also includes Paul Kaye, Lisa Riley and Jill Halfpenny as parents of the girls, alongside Aze Bhatti as Nazir Afzal, former Chief Crown Prosecutor for the North West. The real Afzal believes it's a story that needs to be told, saying: "The Rochdale case was both ground-breaking and heart-breaking.

"It forced every agency to look at their ways of working afresh and the creation of the first guidance for prosecutors, police, and local authorities. The case caused seismic and long-overdue change in the way trials involving vulnerable victims were dealt with. At last, victims had a voice."

However, that still seems a long way off in the first episode, which introduces us to Holly (Molly Windsor), who is now to Rochdale and trying to fit in. Instead, she finds herself drawn into a world she can't escape, despite her pleas for help.

But her story sounds all too familiar to sexual health worker Sara (Peake), who has been recording and reporting similar stories of child abuse for years.



Maxine Peake stars in Three Girls, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

## BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Ivanka Trump: America's Real First Lady?

Channel 4, 9pm

Donald Trump's presidency has so far been dramatic, unpredictable and mired in controversy. But amid the mayhem, there is one woman who appears to hold more influence over him than his wife Melania or his special advisors – his 35-year-old daughter Ivanka. Matt Frei travels to the United States to find out more about the model-turned-businesswoman, exploring where she fits into her father's administration, how she aligns her women's rights campaigns with the President's more controversial views, and whether she dreams of sitting in the Oval Office herself one day.

TUESDAY

First Dates

Channel 4, 10pm

The latest episode of the often touching series introduces us to violinist Maggie, who's 63 and has played in orchestras all around the world. She's looking for a man who shares her passion for the finer things in life, but can retired police officer and recent divorcee Alistair meet her exacting standards? Meanwhile, IT consultant Patrick is about to go on his first date in seven years with 29-year-old marketing student Angharad. They're

both self-proclaimed misfits, but will they find they fit together? We also meet 19-year-old bricklayer Molly, who works with men all day long but has yet to find her perfect man. Warehouse worker Hussein is usually confident with the ladies, but dealing with someone who considers herself one of the lads could catch him off guard.

WEDNESDAY

Trust Me, I'm A Vet

BBC2, 8pm

In the final episode, Judy Puddifoot investigates the warning signs dogs give out before becoming aggressive, and Steve Leonard looks into the latest research that suggests feeding your cat only fish-based pet foods over the long term could lead to health problems. Elsewhere, Alice Rhodes discovers that one in five cats in the UK lives in a state of long-term anxiety because they share a house with another cat, and she runs a series of unique experiments to test different stress-reducing methods. Last in the series.

THURSDAY

Kat and Alfie: Redwater

BBC1, 8pm

EastEnders fans will remember that during Kat Moon's (nee Slater) last visit to Walford, she made a discovery that was shocking even by soap standards. It turned out that when she gave birth to her daughter Zoe as a teenager, she passed out and didn't realise that she also delivered a baby boy, who was given up for adoption without her knowledge. Now this six-part spin-off follows Kat (Jessie Wallace) and Alfie (Shane Richie) as they search for her son, a hunt that takes them to the Irish town of Redwater. Alfie tries to make Kat promise that she will keep a low-profile, but that has never been his wife's style, especially when she meets Andrew (Peter



Kat and Alfie: Redwater, Thursday, BBC1, 8pm

Campion) and starts to suspect that he could be her long-lost child.

FRIDAY

River Monsters

ITV, 8pm

New series. Extreme angler Jeremy Wade turns his attention from freshwater mysteries to the world's oceans, going in search of the real creature behind the enduring sea serpent legend. Starting in his own backyard, Jeremy fishes in the English Channel on the trail of a violent attack. His investigation leads him to Thailand where the mythology of the sea serpent reveals a vital clue.

Count Arthur Strong

BBC1, 8.30pm

Thanks to shows like The X Factor, The Voice and Britain's Got Talent, it's more likely for performers to become famous overnight rather than working their way to the top. However, as with many journeys in life, sometimes taking the longer route can be much more satisfying. Comedian Steve Delaney is now in his early 60s, and in the last decade or so he has finally found a fanbase and acclaim thanks to this award-winning sitcom. Tonight the new series begins as the eternally optimistic ex-variety star is enlisted to rid a haunted house of its demonic occupants.

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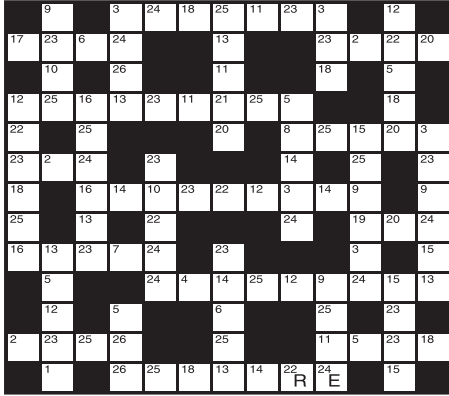


# BRAIN GYM

No.429

## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

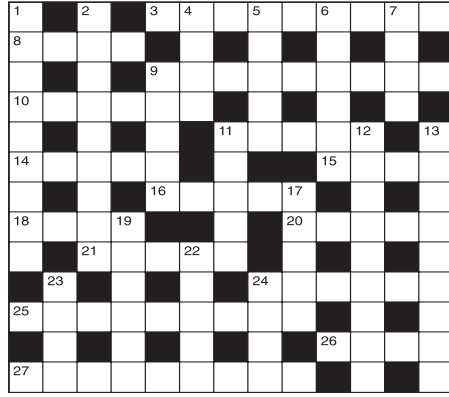
### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

- Make a speech about where people live? (9)
- The destination of this trip is an ancient city (4)
- The inference is that it is to be taken away (9)
- Set of games that can be stretched (6)
- The length of the beat? (5)
- Showing slackness, mislay a ring inside (5)
- Always having some of the very best (4)
- The correct side? (5)
- They have a habit of community membership (4)
- Draws lines for players to keep within (5)
- But bad - do - earlier causes uncertain opinion (5)
- This bird is about right in the morning (6)
- Didn't pay up - a shortcoming indeed (9)
- It's hard work producing tip-top lubrication (4)
- To go back to her would be sensible but for this (9)

#### Down

- Sensational beginning includes learner (9)
- Mute discovered how to astonish (9)
- Sounds like an expensive animal (4)
- The way for 8 out East (5)
- Write crucial piece having taken seat with anger (6)
- Cupid got up irritable (4)
- Put off being freed, in a way (5)
- Could be a show of strength (5)
- Development: coup d'etat ousts right (9)
- By and by bearing gifts? (9)
- Rated surface of tyre (5)
- Thus given ornamental fabric to comfort (6)
- Feel depressed underneath (5)
- Abandoned one side (4)
- What a muddle where the troops eat! (4)



### Quick Clues:

#### Across

- Watcher (9)
- Standard (4)
- Equipped (9)
- Unimpaired (6)
- Punitive (5)
- Recess (5)
- Cripple (4)
- Hinder (5)
- God of Thunder (4)
- Keen (5)
- Get to (5)
- Pour from one vessel to another (6)
- Two-sided (9)
- Stigma (4)
- Mildness (9)

#### Down

- Affront (9)
- Guardian (9)
- Covenant (4)
- Shut (5)
- Starry (6)
- Finished (4)
- Stood in (5)
- Repair (5)
- Ludicrous (9)
- Land (9)
- Drive back (5)
- Stay (6)
- Purify (5)
- Poster (4)
- Platform (4)

## Sudoku

		1		7		9		
4		9		1				
	5		4				2	6
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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

5	7	8	3	2	9	1	6	4
2	9	4	8	6	1	3	7	5
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Rare; 3 Threaded; 8 Veto; 9 Sing-sing; 11 Serve at table; 13 Oyster; 14 Tickle; 17 Estate agents; 20 Aptitude; 21 Aria; 22 Departed; 23 Edge. Down: 1 Revision; 2 Returns; 4 Hoists; 5 Engravings; 6 Drill; 7 Digs; 10 Benefactor; 12 Seascape; 15 Kindred; 16 Needle; 18 Sit up; 19 Band. QUICK - Across: 1 Slim; 3 Cauldron; 8 Axe; 9 Probable; 11 Overpowering; 13 Resist; 14 Stable; 17 Demonstrated; 20 Isolated; 21 Zero; 22 Prevents; 23 Snug. Down: 1 Seaboard; 2 Illness; 4 Arrows; 5 Laboratory; 6 Robin; 7 Need; 10 Episcopate; 12 Headlong; 15 Between; 16 Assent; 18 Evoke; 19 Limp.

## Quiz

- What is neutralised by degaussing?
- Which mime artist created the clown-harlequin Bip?
- On which island is Les Hanois Lighthouse?
- What is the common name for Marburg disease?
- What do we call a fibrous skeleton of the fruit of Luffa cylindrica?
- Which religious group was established by Mary Baker Eddy in 1879?
- In which country was the Rosetta Stone discovered in 1799?
- Who is singer Tara Newley's mother?
- What is petrol called in America?
- Who wrote the tragedy Medea?

### Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 General Tom Thumb; 2 Hinduism; 3 Brighton; 4 Lionel Bart; 5 Starfish; 6 Tripoli; 7 A rodent; 8 Two; 9 Ann Miller; 10 Cambridgeshire. Niner: DEFLATION

## Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

739163  
9446789  
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gives a bird,  
gives a second bird,  
gives a young bird.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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# Pigot — so close to perfection

I can't pretend that I am a stranger to the Pigot Arms in Pattingham. Having lived in the South Staffordshire village for more than three decades I must confess I have frequented the pub on many occasions over the years.

In that time I have seen many changes, both of staff and the look of the pub — mostly inside not out.

In the past it was always a bit hit and miss as far as the food was concerned — you never quite knew whether you would leave extolling its virtues or very disappointed. But not now, when the latest management took over a few years ago the food and the whole atmosphere changed for the better.

You can tell by looking in the windows, where there were empty tables now the place is full of diners and it caters a lot for larger parties. Not only people like me who can take a five-minute walk to get there.

Obviously the locals are there but many diners come from further afield — and there is a huge car park and an outside area for children to run around. The word has obviously spread. Word of mouth is so important and if people have a good meal and enjoy the decor and atmosphere they tell their friends.

We went recently to a taster night for the new menu, an excellent idea when you can try just snippets of what is going to be on offer. Obviously you can't try everything on the menu but it is, as it says, a little taste of the quality of the food and the range of choices.

Our daughter was visiting from Warwickshire with her fiancé and as she grew up in the village she is always keen to go to the Pigot, a regular haunt when she was growing up. We popped down the four of us recently, my husband and I and Amy with her fiancé Duncan,

Attractive entrance to the Pigot Arms in Pattingham



Sarah Lathwood and team member Sara Hadley



mainly to discuss her forthcoming wedding but also just to relax and appreciate somebody else cooking.

Amy is herself a very competent cook and a good food critic so I relied on her opinion. Me, I just love food. We all tucked into starters but decided not to go for one of the sharers. Probably a good idea as my future son-in-law loves food as much as I do and probably would have had the lion's share!

So with the bottle of Prosecco and Merlot well under way we opted for four different starters. Always nice to try a bit of each, I opted for the crispy calamari while the rest chose tomato bruschetta, king prawn cocktail and ham and pea terrine — all went down very well, although

Duncan was not for sharing. I'll have to have a word with him! For mains my husband is a real steak fan so went for the rib eye cooked medium rare just to his liking. Duncan, of course, had the HUGE mixed grill while I opted for the Moroccan spiced lamb burger which I had tried at the taster night and enjoyed. Amy went for the guest ale battered cod and chips.

Every meal is served well presented and with little fuss and the settings are spacious with a nice corner table which we sat at, although we did remove the rather lovely candelabra in the middle.

A nice touch but I could not see across to talk to my daughter over the other side. She did think about

nickling it for the wedding though! Okay, totally full — but it would be rude not to try a pud. Yes I am trying to lose weight for the wedding but there are still a few months to go.

By now there was only Duncan and I up for it — the lightweights said they were full. How could I resist the summer pudding? Duncan meanwhile went for the calorie-loaded cookie cup explosion. Obviously also not sticking to his pre-wedding diet. Finishing off with two floater brandy coffees we stumbled home and reflected on a very pleasant evening.

Sue Attwater

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## Spacious family home set in prime village location

Having been greatly extended and improved to a high standard, 52 Hilton Lane, Great Wyrley, needs to be viewed in order to be fully appreciated.

It is for sale through Paul Carr at offers over £350,000.

Having gas central heating and double glazing a welcoming hallway with an under-stairs storage cupboard leads into a spacious through lounge/diner with a feature fireplace, an L-shaped breakfast kitchen with integrated fridge, freezer and dishwasher, (the room also has a wider door suitable for a wheelchair or pushchair), a separate utility and downstairs shower room.

To the first floor the accommodation is extensive. It includes a fantastic master bedroom, measuring 8.73m max by 5.91m max, with fitted wardrobes and an en-suite shower room (designed to be split into three rooms if need be); bedroom two with fitted wardrobes/drawers, two further bedrooms and the fully tiled family bathroom with a white suite and separate shower cubicle and a loft hatch with built-in ladders which is also boarded and has lighting.

There are tv points in all rooms.

Outside, the property has a block paved driveway with ample off-road parking and giving access to the integral double garage with electric door and power points. There is cable laid to enable power for electric front gates if required.

The rear garden is laid mainly to lawn with borders of mature trees and shrubs, as well as a block paved patio ideal for entertaining. There is a summerhouse which has a power box which controls fountains and cable laid already for any additional features as required. There are also two garden sheds on either side of the house.

A spokesman for the selling agent added: "This is a spacious, extended detached property set in a prime village location close to the railway, shops and motorway."

Paul Carr has offices in Aldridge, Boldmere, Brownhills, Burntwood, Erdington, Four Oaks, Great Barr, Great Wyrley, Hamstead, Kingstanding, Streetly and Walmley.

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## One-bed bungalow close to amenities

RUGELEY  
£97,950

A well presented one-bedroomed bungalow in Frank Rogers Walk, Rugeley, is close to all amenities. It is for sale through JR Properties at £97,950 with no chain.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge, a breakfast kitchen, a bedroom, a study room and shower room. There are also gardens to the front and rear.

In more detail the entrance hallway has laminate flooring and a storage cupboard. The lounge has a wall-mounted electric fire and a door to the garden.

The breakfast kitchen has a range of wall and base-mounted units with work surfaces over, incorporating an inset stainless steel sink with drainer, mixer tap and tiled splash back. Call 01889 577731.



## Improved and well-equipped three-bedroom detached home

CANNOCK  
£199,950

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A considerably improved and well-equipped three-bedroomed detached family house, 2 Locketts Court, Cannock, lies on a popular private drive.

It is for sale through Boot & Son at £199,950. It has a canopy porch, a reception hall with laminate flooring, a cloakroom/WC, a lounge with laminate flooring and an archway to a dining area. This has laminate flooring, a storage/cloaks cupboard and French doors to the conservatory. This has ceramic-tiled flooring, a light/fan unit and a radiator.

There is a kitchen with an electric built-in oven, gas hob, oven hood/extractor, integrated fridge and freezer.

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## Five-bedroom family home enjoys open rural views

CANNOCK  
£360,000 <<<

Being immaculately presented, this five-bedroomed house in The Meadows, Cannock, is pleasantly situated, having open rural views to the rear.

Originally having six bedrooms, it is for sale through Flint & Co at offers over £360,000.

The property has been finished to an excellent standard and must be viewed to be fully appreciated.

In brief the property has a through hallway, a kitchen/diner, a lounge, a double-glazed conservatory, a guest cloakroom, a bathroom, a shower room, en-suites to the master and bedroom two, a driveway, garage and an enclosed rear garden with beautiful open views.

For further information, or to book that all important viewing, contact Flint & Co on 01543 624400 www.flintandco.com



## New-build finished to a high standard

WIMBLEBURY  
£180,000

With Help to Buy available and part-exchange considered, this stunning brand new property, Kiln Cottage, Glover Street, Wimblebury, Cannock, is for sale through Jayman Estate Agents at £180,000.

A semi-detached three-bedroomed home finished to a very high standard, its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, a lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs WC/utility, three bedrooms with master having en-suite and a house bathroom. The property also comes with off-road parking and front and rear gardens.

In more detail the entrance hall has an under-stairs storage cupboard and stairs off, the lounge has patio doors opening to the garden and the kitchen/diner also has patio doors to the garden.

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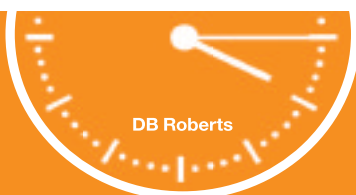
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South Close Cannock



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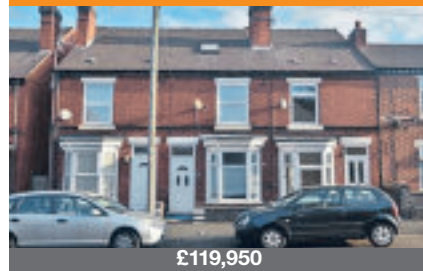
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Pye Green Road Cannock



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Stafford Road Cannock



AUCTION

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NEW PRICE

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- Must Be Viewed • EPC = B

Sandy Lane Rugeley



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Truro Place Heath Hayes



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Colliers Way Huntington



£267,500

- Five Bedroom Detached • Two En-Suits & Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway • Open Plan Kitchen Diner
- Rear Garden • EPC = C

Clover Ridge Cheslyn Hay



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2	SEMI DETACHED HOUSE	2	FREEHOLD	N/A	RETAINED
3	DETACHED HOUSE	2	FREEHOLD	£164,950	AVAILABLE
4	SEMI DETACHED HOUSE	3	FREEHOLD	£167,950	AVAILABLE
5	SEMI DETACHED HOUSE	3	FREEHOLD	£167,950	SALE AGREED
6	DETACHED HOUSE	3	FREEHOLD	£185,000	SALE AGREED

### 198 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK



THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED  
FAMILY HOUSE  
Located In Much Sought After  
Residential Area of The Town

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Built-On Garage
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating (F) 38

**£239,950 FREEHOLD**

### 64 ALLPORT ROAD, CANNOCK



CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED CHARACTERFUL END MEWS RESIDENCE  
SYMPATHETICALLY RENOVATED TO PROVIDE ALL MODERN FACILITIES  
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre  
◆ Lounge ◆ Private gardens and parking space  
◆ Dining room ◆ Fully double glazed  
◆ Refitted breakfast kitchen ◆ Gas fired central heating  
◆ Three double bedrooms ◆ Gas fired central heating  
◆ Refitted bathroom and shower room ◆ Intruder alarm  
◆ EPC rating tbc  
**£199,950 FREEHOLD**

### 9 STATION ROAD, PELSALL



A PRESTIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF  
AN INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FOUR  
BEDROOMED HOUSE  
Conveniently Located For Facilities at  
Pelsall Village Centre

- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ Luxury fitted kitchen
- ◆ Cloakroom and first floor study
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom and 2 en-suites
- ◆ Garage and landscaped gardens
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Intruder alarm
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

**£310,000**

### 7 LOVATT PLACE, CANNOCK



THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE  
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at  
the Town Centre  
◆ Lounge & dining area ◆ Garage  
◆ Kitchen ◆ Gas fired central heating  
◆ Three bedrooms ◆ Fully double glazed  
◆ Ensuite shower room ◆  
◆ Bathroom ◆  
◆ Gardens ◆ EPC rating C (72)  
**£146,950**

### 40 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK



CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED, IMPROVED  
DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE WITH FLEXIBLE  
ACCOMMODATION INCLUDING SELF  
CONTAINED FLAT SUITABLE FOR EXTENDED  
FAMILY OCCUPANCY MATURE WELL STOCKED  
GARDENS In Much Sought After Residential  
Area Adjoining Cannock Park To The Rear

- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Games/hobby/play room
- ◆ Five bedrooms
- ◆ Two bathrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Self contained flat (currently let on AST)
- ◆ Double integral garage
- ◆ Gas central heating and double glazing
- ◆ EPC rating D (66)

**£615,000 FREEHOLD**



### 86 PLATT STREET, HEDNESFORD



TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE LOCATED IN  
POPULAR POSITION  
Convenient For Access to Facilities  
◆ Gardens and off road parking  
◆ Lounge ◆ Fully double glazed  
◆ Double glazed conservatory ◆  
◆ Kitchen and utility room ◆ Gas fired central heating  
◆ Dining room ◆  
◆ Two double bedrooms ◆ EPC rating F (34)  
◆ Bathroom ◆  
**£166,950 FREEHOLD**

### 14 KING CUP DRIVE, HUNTINGTON



WELL EQUIPPED 4 BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE OFFERING SPACIOUS FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION  
ARRANGE ON THREE FLOORS WITH SCHOOL GROUNDS TO REAR Conveniently Located For Local Facilities  
and Access to Cannock Town Centre and Cannock Chase  
◆ Lounge ◆ Gardens and school grounds  
◆ Open plan kitchen/dining/family room ◆ to rear  
◆ Four bedrooms ◆ Gas fired central heating  
◆ Ensuite shower room ◆ Fully double glazed  
◆ Family bathroom ◆  
◆ Built on garage and extensive off road parking ◆ EPC rating B (82)  
**O/O £220,000 FREEHOLD**

### 14 BRINDLEY BANK ROAD, RUGELEY



INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED TWO  
BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW  
Located in Popular Cul-De-Sac

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens and off road parking
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating B (81)

**£215,000 FREEHOLD**

### 23 RED LION AVENUE, NORTON CANES



WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE  
Located in Popular Private Drive Convenient For Facilities Within  
the Village of Norton Canes  
◆ Lounge and dining room ◆ Integral garage  
◆ Refitted kitchen ◆ Fully double glazed  
◆ Double glazed conservatory ◆ Gas fired central heating  
◆ Ensuite shower room and family bathroom ◆ Intruder alarm  
◆ EPC rating E (53)  
**£170,000 FREEHOLD**

### 10 FIELD ROAD, TIPTON



THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE  
Located in popular Residential Area Convenient For  
Facilities  
◆ Lounge ◆ Fully double glazed  
◆ Dining room ◆ Gas fired central heating  
◆ Kitchen ◆  
◆ Three bedrooms ◆ Intruder alarm  
◆ Bathroom ◆ EPC rating C (69)  
◆ Garage and gardens ◆  
**£119,950 FREEHOLD**

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## SALES LETTINGS MANAGEMENT AUCTIONS SURVEYS COMMERCIAL EPC's

### 339 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK



**TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW**  
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Garage
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: D (61)

**£625pcm**

### 15 BURGOWNE STREET, CANNOCK



**WELL APPOINTED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE**  
Located In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen & utility room
- ◆ Ground floor shower room
- ◆ Four double bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room & family bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers, DSS or sharers
- ◆ EPC rating: D (66)

**£1050pcm**

### 8 STAG PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK, PENKRIDGE



**WELL APPOINTED THREE BEDROOM THREE STOREY BARN CONVERSION**  
Located On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Three double bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room & family bathroom
- ◆ Oil fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Communal parking & grounds
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (76)

**£775pcm**

### APARTMENT 4 MANOR COURT, 7A TANHOUSE FARM ROAD, SOLIHULL



**WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT**  
Conveniently Located In Much Sought After Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Allocated parking space
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Communal grounds
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (73)

**£625pcm**

### 4 BRADBURY COURT, HEDNESFORD



**FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE**  
located In Private Cul-De-Sac

- ◆ Reception hall & cloakroom
- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Utility room
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room & family bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage and gardens
- ◆ Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DD
- ◆ EPC rating D (59)

**£875pcm**

### 3 BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



**WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE**  
Located In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets, DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: tbc

**£550pcm**

### 14 THE FORGE, NORTH STREET, BRIDGTOWN



**SPACIOUS NEWLY RENOVATED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT**  
Located In Gated Development Convenient For Local Facilities And Transport Links

- ◆ Communal hall, stairs & landing
- ◆ Copen plan lounge/kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Allocated parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: tbc

**£525pcm**

### 11 VICTORIA TERRACE, NORTH STREET, BRIDGTOWN



**WELL EQUIPPED SPACIOUS SECOND FLOOR FLAT**  
Convenient For Transport Links & Local Facilities

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Allocated secure parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (79)

**£525pcm**

### NO.4 SANDY COURT, 3 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK



**WELL EQUIPPED LUXURY TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT**  
Located In Much Sought After Development In The Shoal Hill District Of The Town Adjoining Cannock Chase

- ◆ Lounge/dining/kitchen area
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room
- ◆ Luxury bathroom
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Security gated access
- ◆ Intruder alarm
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (79)

**£695pcm**

### 50 GLADSTONE ROAD, HEATH HAYES



**WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW**

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: D (66)

**£695pcm**

### 44 BROOK LANE, GREAT WYRLEY



**SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT**

- ◆ Entrance hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Separate WC
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating C (71)

**£495pcm**

### 2 MILL PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE



**WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION**  
Sited On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Inner hall
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Oil fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Communal grounds and parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating C (77)

**£685pcm**

### 48 ST JOHNS ROAD, CANNOCK



**THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE**  
Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Ground floor WC
- ◆ Three double bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted family bathroom
- ◆ Built-on garage
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets, smokers or children
- ◆ EPC rating: F (35)

**£695pcm**

### 9A COPPICE CLOSE, CHESLYN HAY



**SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW**  
Sited At Head Of Cul-De-Sac In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Landscaped gardens
- ◆ Carport & extensive off road parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (64)

**£800pcm**

### 56 DARTMOUTH ROAD, CANNOCK



**TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE**  
Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- ◆ Entrance hall
- ◆ Sitting room and living room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating & all windows are double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating D (61)

**£525 pcm**

### 8 THE CROSSINGS, MILL STREET, CANNOCK



**WELL EQUIPPED MID MEWS HOUSE**  
Built To A High Specification Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre And Cannock Train Station

- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: B (84)

**£600pcm**

### 232 HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK



**WELL EQUIPPED AND PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE**

- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gardens & off road parking to the rear
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers, DSS or sharers
- ◆ EPC rating: tbc

**£595pcm**

### 34 CHESTNUT DRIVE, GREAT WYRLEY



**EXTENSIVELY REFINISHED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE**  
Located In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Cloakroom with wc
- ◆ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: E (46)

**£695 pcm**

### 282 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK



**WELL MAINTAINED THREE/FOUR BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE**  
Located In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Enclosed porch & reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining room/bedroom 4
- ◆ Refitted kitchen
- ◆ Inner lobby & guest cloakroom
- ◆ Three bedrooms & refitted bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- ◆ Garden & off road parking
- ◆ Sorry No DSS, smokers or pets
- ◆ EPC rating D (65)

**£650pcm**

### 6 BADGERS WAY, HEATH HAYES



**THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE**  
Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Built-on garage
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating D (60)

**£600pcm**

### 1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD



**WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT**  
Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Bedroom
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (67)

**£450pcm**

### 3 PARK STREET, CHESLYN HAY



**WELL PRESENTED MID TERRACED HOUSE**  
Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Cellar
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (61)

**£625pcm**

### 1 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLEY PARK, PENKRIDGE



**SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION**  
Sited On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Inner Hall
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Communal landscaped gardens
- ◆ Oil fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Sorry No pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating C (69)

**£615pcm**

### THE LODGE, LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, RUGELEY



**EXTREMELY WELL APPOINTED ONE BEDROOM LODGE**  
Sited In This Well Maintained Park Home Development Convenient For Facilities Locally

- ◆ Open plan lounge/kitchen
- ◆ Bedroom
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Sauna
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Double glazed
- ◆ Gardens & decked terrace
- ◆ For persons aged 50 & over
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: N/A

**£500pcm**





## Immaculately presented home is new to market

LICHFIELD  
£265,000

Being immaculately presented, this three-bedroomed end terrace house in Mary Slater Road, Lichfield, has just joined the property market.

It is for sale through Lovett & Co at £265,000.

Set on an exclusive private and very quiet development within walking distance of Lichfield city centre, railway station and schools, the property has been finished to a good modern standard. Features include a spacious lounge-diner, modern fitted breakfast kitchen and a bathroom, a private rear garden and off-road allocated parking.

On the ground floor is a reception hallway, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen and guest WC.

On the top floor are three bedrooms and a family bathroom. Contact 01543 889410.



## Modern family property has accommodation over three floors

RUGELEY  
£245,000

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This recently built four/five-bedroomed detached house in Armitage Road, Rugeley near Cannock, has modern accommodation set over three floors.

It is for sale through butters john bee at £245,000.

On the ground floor it has an entrance hall, a lounge and a stunning fitted kitchen.

On the first floor are two bedrooms, an en-suite, bathroom and study/dining room. On the second floor are two further bedrooms and an en-suite.

Outside the property has an extended block paved driveway, a garage and a landscaped rear garden. Internal viewing is recommended to appreciate all that this property has to offer.

For further information, or to book that all important viewing, contact butters john bee on 01543 500030.



## Come along to our Shared Ownership information evening

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An independent financial advisor will be present on the day to explain in clear terms what Shared Ownership is, how it works, and to offer an assessment of whether you could benefit.

11<sup>th</sup> May from 5 to 8pm

Confirm your attendance by phone or email

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Old Penkridge Road, Cannock

- Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms & Study
- Two Bathrooms
- Open Plan Kitchen / Dining Room

- Living Room & Family Room
- No Upward Chain
- Utility / WC

£475,000



Eccleshall Road, Stafford

- Detached New Build Executive Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Finished To High Spec
- Stylish En-suite Shower Room

- Open Plan Kitchen / Dining Room
- Immaculately Finished
- Brand New

Offers Over £320,000



Chenet Way, Cannock

- Immaculate Executive Home
- Stunning Kitchen
- Landscaped Gardens
- Lounge & Dining Room

- Shower Room & Ensuite Shower
- Double Garage
- Gas Central Heating System
- Utility & Guest WC

£305,000



The Malt House, Lichfield

- STUNNING GROUND FLOOR DUPLEX APARTMENT
- MODERN OPEN PLAN LIVING
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS

- BATHROOM & ENSUITE MOTIVATED SELLER
- GRADE II LISTED EXCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

£295,000



Meriden Close, Cannock

- Detached Bungalow
- 3 Bedrooms
- Very Spacious
- 3 Reception Rooms

- Cul De Sac Location
- Garage
- No Upward Chain
- EPC - TBC

£267,500



Bideford Way, Cannock

- Detached Bungalow
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Large Living / Dining Room
- Master Bedroom & En-suite

- Fully Refurbished
- Stunning Conversation
- Popular Residential Area
- EPC - D

£250,000



Keys Park Road, Wimblebury

- Detached Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Modern Kitchen & Utility

- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC
- Large Block Paved Drive

Offers Over £230,000



Rowan Close, Huntington

- Immaculate Four Bed Home
- Stylish Dining Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge & Conservatory
- Bathroom & Ensuite

- Garage & Downstairs WC
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Close To Cannock Chase

£215,000



Hopton Meadow, Heath Hayes

- Delightful Detached Home
- Stunning Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Corner Plot
- Detached Outbuilding

- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Drive, Landscaped Gardens
- EPC - D

Offers Over £190,000



Ullswater Place, Cannock

- Detached Home
- Five Bedrooms
- In Need Of Modernisation
- Spacious

- Large Rear Garden
- Close To Cannock Town
- Viewing Is A Must

£210,000



Pebblemill Close, Cannock

- Four Bedroom Detached Gas Central Heating System
- Close To Cannock Town
- No Upward Chain

- Fitted Kitchen & Dining Area
- Spacious Living Room
- Gas Central Heating System

£200,000



Kenmore Avenue, Hednesford

- Corner Plot In Small Cul-de-Sac
- Three Good Size Bedrooms
- Could Be Split into 4 Bed
- Spacious Lounge / Dining Room

- Fitted Kitchen & Utility
- En-suite Shower Room & Bathroom

£195,000



New Plant Lane, Chase Terrace

- Modern Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Immaculate Condition
- Lounge/Diner
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Garage

£189,950



Hednesford Road, Norton Canes

- Detached Three Bedroom House
- Views To The Front Over Field
- No Upward Chain
- Lounge and Dining Room
- Large Block Paved Driveway
- Gas Central Heating System

£179,950



Partridge Close, Heath Hayes

- Town House
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Ensuites
- Family Bathroom
- Lounge Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen

£175,000



Huntington Terrace Road, Chadsmoor

- Detached Three Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner & Guest WC
- Large Rear Garden
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- No Chain Involved
- Gas Central Heating

£165,000



Butts Way, Norton Canes

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedroom
- Large Rear Garden
- Conservatory
- Refitted Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating

£135,000



Blake Close, Cannock

- Modern Style Town House EPC - D
- Sought After Location
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Ideal Investment
- Gardens & driveway
- No Chain

£115,000



Blackfords Court, Cannock

- Second floor apartment
- Spacious lounge
- Open plan kitchen/lounge
- Two bedrooms
- Off road parking
- Available now.

£495pcm Sorry no dss & no pets



Lomax Road, Hednesford

- Ground floor apartment
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Modern Style bathroom
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- Available now.

£495pcm Sorry no dss & no pets



Stephenson Way, Hednesford

- Ground floor apartment
- Spacious lounge
- Kitchen with appliances
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking
- Gas central heating

£540pcm Sorry no dss & no pets



Baker Street, Burntwood

- Semi detached bungalow
- Lounge with doors to garden
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with shower over bath
- Double bedroom
- Available now.

£585pcm Sorry no dss & no pets



Lichfield Road, Brownhills

- Modern semi-detached property
- Spacious lounge
- Contemporary Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Driveway & Garage
- Available Now

£725pcm Sorry no dss



Stafford Lane, Hednesford

- Traditional semi detached home
- Kitchen / breakfast room with appliances
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower over bath
- Garage and driveway
- Available May 2017

£750pcm Sorry no dss and no pets

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**CANNOCK**  
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD



- Three bedroom property
- Master bedroom in loft room
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Lounge & dining room
- Off road parking, EPC rating E

●●●●●OPEN DAY SATURDAY 13TH  
MAY 11AM UNTIL 1PM●●●●●  
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**£159,950**

**CANNOCK**  
RUMER HILL ROAD



- A spacious three bedroom detached
- Split level lounge/diner
- Kitchen/diner
- Guest cloakroom and utility
- Sitting room and conservatory
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear, garage and driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

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**HEDNESFORD**  
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- A two bedroom bungalow
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen
- Master bedroom with built in wardrobes
- Refitted bathroom
- Conservatory
- Garden to rear
- Garage and driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

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STAFFORD LANE



- A unique 3 bedroom bungalow
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Dining room
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Good sized rear garden
- Driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

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**HEATH HAYES**  
PHEASANT WAY



- A modern three bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazed
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Family bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden and parking
- EPC rating C

**£159,000**

**HEATH HAYES**  
PARTRIDGE CLOSE



- A modern two bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Two bedrooms
- Garden to rear
- Off road parking
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating C

**£129,995**

**CANNOCK**  
OLD PENKRIDGE MEWS



- A well presented two bedroom house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, conservatory
- Kitchen, guest cloakroom
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear yard
- Of road parking
- EPC rating C

**£124,995**

**CANNOCK**  
VIOLET CLOSE



- Modern two bedroom apartment
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating B

**£40,000 40% share**

**HEDNESFORD**  
ANGLESEY COURT



- First floor 1 bedroom apartment
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Lounge, Study/Storage
- Garage, Allocated parking
- Good Location
- Intercom Entrance
- Must be Viewed
- EPC rating D

**£112,500**

**HEATH HAYES**  
CHARLOCK GROVE



- Three bedroom detached
- Lounge, Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Fitted Bathroom
- Guest WC
- Garage & Driveway
- Gas central heated
- NO CHAIN
- Awaiting EPC rating

**£209,995**

**CANNOCK**  
WELLINGTON DRIVE



- Detached two bedroom bungalow
- Breakfast kitchen
- Lounge, entrance hallway
- Gas central heating/double glazed
- Family bathroom, loft room
- Garage with driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating
- Viewing Essential

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## Modern new build with three bedrooms

BURNTWOOD  
£195,500

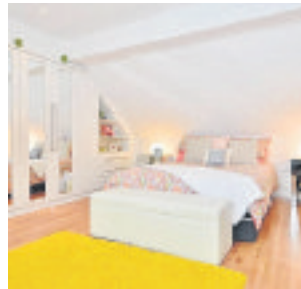
A modern new build, this three-bedroomed home off Milestown Way, Burntwood, is for sale through Webbs at £195,500.

Close to a local beauty spot, in brief the property consists of an entrance hallway, a modern kitchen, a lounge/diner and a guest WC to the ground floor.

To the first floor there are three bedrooms with the master having an en-suite shower room and a further family bathroom. Externally the property has an enclosed rear garden and driveway parking to the front of the property.

In more detail the entrance hall and downstairs WC have laminate flooring. The kitchen faces the front. It has a range of wall, floor and drawer units, an integrated oven, hob, and over hob extractor.

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Bagnall Way, Hawksyard £207,500



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Hawkesmore Drive, Little Haywood £229,950



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Watkiss Drive, Rugeley £147,950



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Priory Avenue, Hawksyard £235,000



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Antler Drive, Etching Hill £235,000



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom detached family home, in a sought after location. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and Separate W.C. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear



Lower Birches Way, Rugeley £279,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this four / five bedroom detached home, in a quiet cul de sac location. Having Hallway, Guest w.c., Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Breakfast Kitchen and Bedroom Four. Landing, Two Bedrooms with En Suite, Bedroom and Bathroom. Driveway and Garden to rear

Main Road, Brereton £242,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented two bedroom detached bungalow, located on a private drive. NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Hallway, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room, Inner Hall to Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Good driveway to Detached Garage and Garden to rear

West Butts Road, Etching Hill £280,000



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Bower Lane, Etching Hill £329,950



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Hednesford Road, Rugeley £350,000



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Chester Road, Rugeley £275,000



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Canterbury Drive, Rugeley £269,995



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Hednesford Road, Rugeley



● JR Properties are pleased to market this traditional three bedroom detached home, offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Shower Room, Two Reception Rooms and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Good sized Garden to rear

£249,950



Eaton Drive, Rugeley



● JR Properties are pleased to market this modern two bedroom first floor apartment, situated on a sought after estate. Having Communal Entrance, Entrance Hallway, Open plan Lounge to Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking and Communal Gardens

£92,500

Hawkesmore Drive, Little £265,000



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom detached home, situated in a cul de sac location. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Utility. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Shower Room. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear

Talbot Road, Brereton



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom semi detached home, close to local amenities. Accommodation having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Shower Room. Driveway to Covered Carport and Gardens

£159,950



The Beeches, Rugeley



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom extended detached family home, situated in a cul de sac location. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear and off road parking with Garage

£199,950

Woodbury Walk, Rugeley £279,995



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this modern four bedroom, three storey NEW BUILD home. AVAILABLE WITH PART EXCHANGE. Having Hallway, Guest w.c., Lounge and Fitted Kitchen. Two further floors to Four Bedrooms, Two with En Suites and Bathroom. Parking for two vehicles and Garage. Garden to rear

Etching Hill Road, Etching Hill



● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to market this unusual property, being sold as one house but currently split into two semi detached homes. Ideal for a project or a family home. Being situated in the sought after area of Etching Hill with open aspect to the front, good sized garden to rear and NO CHAIN

£450,000



The Shrubby, Brereton



● JR Properties are pleased to offer to market this three / four bedroom detached family home, situated in a quiet cul de sac. Having Hallway, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility, Guest w.c. and Play Room / Bedroom Four. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway and Gardens to front and rear

£212,000

The Lindsens, Rugeley £189,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom, three storey home situated in a quiet cul de sac. Having Hallway, Guest w.c., Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing leading to Second Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Landing to Bedroom with En Suite. Garden and Parking

High Street, Colton



● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Area, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom and Three Bedrooms. Driveway to Tandem Garage and Good Sized Garden to rear

£249,950



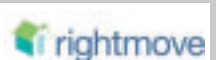
Delafield Way, Etching Hill



● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom link detached family home, being close to local amenities. Having Hallway, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Covered Carport and Store Room. Gardens to front and rear. AVAILABLE WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN

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- Enclosed Rear Garden

**\$425,000**

**NEW**

**HUNTINGTON**  
TEDDESLEY WAY




- Modern Semi
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

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**CANNOCK**  
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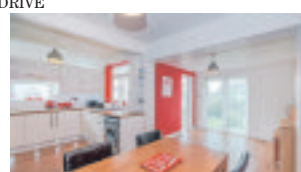



- Traditional Semi
- Town Centre Location
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking

**\$135,000**

**NEW**

**HEDNESFORD**  
PEEL DRIVE

- Modern Semi
- Lounge
- L Shaped Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Detached Garage
- Driveway

**\$170,000**

**NEW**

**CANNOCK**  
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD




- Semi Detached
- Entrance Hallway,
- Dining Room,
- Lounge,
- Spacious Conservatory
- Refitted Breakfast Kitchen.
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom,

**\$210,000**

**NEW**

**CHESLYN HAY**  
STREETS LANE






- Detached Bungalow
- Through Hallway,
- Lounge, Dining Room,
- Kitchen, Utility Room,
- Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms.
- Family Bedroom
- Family Bathroom.
- Landscaped Garden
- Gravel Driveway

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**NEW**

**GREAT WYRLEY**  
BROOKLANDS AVENUE




- Modern Semi
- Lounge with Log Burner
- L Shaped Kitchen/Diner
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden with Workshop
- Driveway
- Viewing Recommended

**\$150,000**

**NEW**

**HEATH HAYES**  
BRAMPTON DRIVE






- Extended Semi
- Cul-de-sac Location
- Extended Lounge
- Kitchen
- 3/4 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Parking

**\$150,000**

**NEW**

**HEDNESFORD**  
VALLEY ROAD

- Deceptively Spacious
- Hall, Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 2 Bedrooms
- Rear Garden
- Garage
- Quiet Location

**\$160,000**

**NEW**

**CANNOCK**  
ANDOVER PLACE




- Semi Detached
- Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Utility Room
- 3 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Viewing Recommended

**\$140,000**

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- 4 Bed Detached
- Hall, Guests WC
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Utility
- Conservatory

- Bathroom
- En-Suite
- Garage
- Gardens

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**NEW**
**NORTON CANES**  
**REDLION CRESCENT**


- Deceptively Spacious
- Through Hall
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Generous Garden

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**CANNOCK**  
**ULLSWATER PLACE**


- Detached House
- Through Hallway, Guest WC,
- Dining Room,
- Lounge Diner, Study Area,
- REFITTED Kitchen,
- Three Double

**\$239,950**
**HEATH HAYES**  
**HOBBY WAY**


- Ground Floor
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Overlooking Nature Reserve
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom

- Allocated Parking
- Viewing Recommended

**\$115,000**
**NEW**
**CANNOCK**  
**WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD**


- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Garage
- Rear Garden
- Driveway
- Integral Garage

**\$160,000**
**HEATH HAYES**  
**CHESTNUT CLOSE**


- Modern Town House
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Parking

**\$129,950**
**CANNOCK**  
**ST.JAMES ROAD**


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- Spacious Lounge
- Refitted
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- Shower Room
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**CHARTERFIELD DRIVE**


- Corner plot
- 3 Bed Detached
- Lounge
- Extended Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garage Conversion
- Garden
- NO CHAIN

**\$209,950**
**CANNOCK**  
**HEATH GAP ROAD**


- Traditional Semi
- Porch, WC
- Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden
- Viewing Essential

**Offers Over \$125,000**
**CANNOCK**  
**THE FIRS**


- Double Unit
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway
- Gardens

**\$77,500**
**CANNOCK**  
**PYE GREEN ROAD**


- Traditional Property
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Diner
- 4 Bedrooms



- Bathroom
- Parking
- Rear Garden

**\$135,000**
**CANNOCK**  
**BROAD STREET**


- Internal viewing recommended
- Traditional Terraced
- Well
- Equipped Kitchen
- Two
- Reception Rooms
- Two Bedrooms

**Offers in excess of \$110,000**
**HEATH HAYES**  
**LANGTREE CLOSE**


- Link Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility, Shower Room



- 4/5 Bedrooms
- Driveway
- Gardens

**\$215,000**





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**Burnthill Lane, Rugeley**

- LAND & HOUSE
- SEMI DETACHED
- THREE BEDROOMS
- EXTRA 4 BEDROOM DETACHED ON PLANNING
- NEW TO MARKET



**Rake End, Rugeley**

- Four bedroom
- mid terraced
- family bathroom
- Kitchen
- rear garden
- double glazed
- dining room
- lounge



**Angorfa Close, Lichfield**

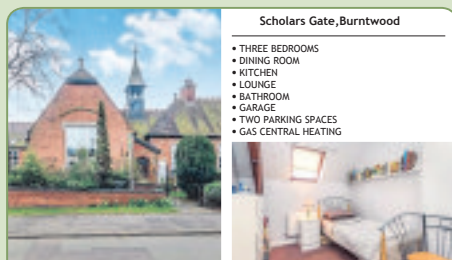
- Two Double Bedrooms
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- WITH GARAGE
- 26FT LOUNGE/DINER
- KITCHEN
- LARGE DUPLEX MAISONETTE

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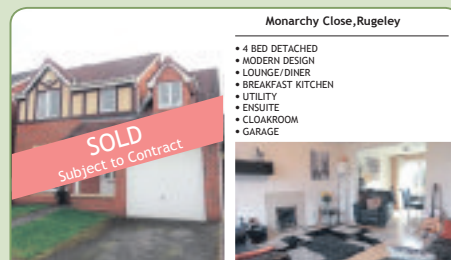
**Park View Terrace, Rugeley**

- THREE BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- NO CHAIN



**Scholars Gate, Burntwood**

- THREE BEDROOMS
- DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN
- LOUNGE
- BATHROOM
- GARAGE
- TWO PARKING SPACES
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING



**Monarchy Close, Rugeley**

- 4 BED DETACHED
- MODERN DESIGN
- LOUNGE/DINER
- BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- UTILITY
- ENSUITE
- CLOAKROOM
- GARAGE

OIRO £219,995



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Subject to Contract

**Ravenhill Terrace,**

- DETACHED FAMILY HOME
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- OPEN PLAN DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN
- CONSERVATORY

Offers in the Region



**Shropshire Brook Road, Rugeley**

- SPACIOUS FAMILY HOME
- NEW KITCHEN
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- OFFICE/PLAYROOM
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- BATHROOM
- EN-SUITE
- POPULAR LOCATION



**Burton Road, Lichfield**

- WHITTINGTON VILLAGE
- TWO BEDROOMS
- MODERN KITCHEN
- LOUNGE/DINER
- BATHROOM
- GARDENS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATED
- DOUBLE GLAZED

Offers in the Region Of £179,995



**Talbot Road, Rugeley**

- EXTENDED ACCOMMODATION
- SURPRISINGLY SPACIOUS
- EXTENDED KITCHEN
- OPEN PLAN LIVING/DINER
- THREE GOOD BEDROOMS
- MODERN BATHROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATED
- DOUBLE GLAZED



**Sheep Fair, Rugeley**

- FREEHOLD FLAT
- IDEAL INVESTMENT
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- OVERLOOKING PARK
- SPACIOUS DESIGN
- LARGELY DOUBLE GLAZED



**Harley Close, Rugeley**

- FULLY REFURBISHED
- TWO BED BUNGALOW
- DETACHED GARAGE
- CORNER PLOT
- CONSERVATORY
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL



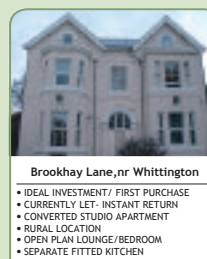
**Shropshire Brook Road, Rugeley**

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI
- MODERN KITCHEN
- MODERN BATHROOM
- LOUNGE/DINER
- THREE GOOD BEDROOMS
- GARAGE
- GARDENS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATED



**Moss Green, Rugeley**

- SOLD STC
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**Brookhay Lane, nr Whittington**

- IDEAL INVESTMENT/ FIRST PURCHASE
- CURRENTLY LET- INSTANT RETURN
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Offers in Excess of



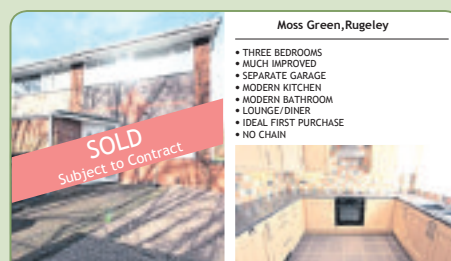
**Springhill Terrace, Rugeley**

- THREE BEDROOMS
- KITCHEN
- TWO BATHROOMS
- OPEN PLAN LOUNGE/DINER
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZING
- GARDEN TO REAR



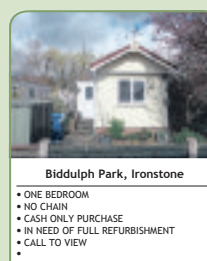
**St. Thomas Way, Rugeley**

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**Moss Green, Rugeley**

- THREE BEDROOMS
- MUCH IMPROVED
- SEPARATE GARAGE
- MODERN KITCHEN
- MODERN BATHROOM
- LOUNGE/DINER
- IDEAL FIRST PURCHASE
- NO CHAIN



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**Heath Hayes**  
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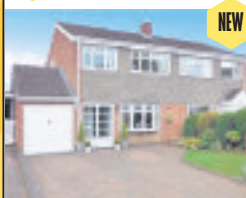


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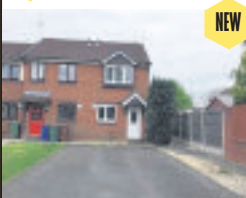


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**Heath Hayes**  
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2 2 1 EPC C

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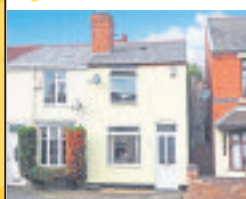
**Brownhills**  
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<p><b>Adelaide Drive</b> WIMBLEBURY</p>  <p>Immaculately presented five bedroom detached family home / Finished to a high modern standard throughout / Superb open plan high spec kitchen-diner / Driveway providing ample parking</p> <p><b>£350,000</b></p>	<p><b>Eaton Croft</b> RUGELEY</p>  <p>Executive four bedroom detached house / exclusive private gated road / spacious living &amp; sleeping accommodation / private rear garden / four car driveway / modern throughout</p> <p><b>£330,000</b></p>	<p><b>St Christopher Close</b> RAWNSLEY</p>  <p>Immaculately presented four bedroom detached family home / Enivible corner plot in quiet cul-de-sac / Tastefully decorated &amp; finished to high modern standard / Driveway for up to six vehicles /</p> <p><b>£295,000</b></p>	<p><b>Newhall Street</b> CANNOCK</p>  <p>Three bedroom period property / Highly sought after location / Several reception rooms / Charming private rear garden / Larger than average garage and driveway with off road parking</p> <p><b>£290,000</b></p>	<p><b>Kingscroft</b> WIMBLEBURY</p>  <p>Well presented four bedroom detached house / Good sized corner plot down a quiet cul-de-sac / Superb open plan lounge-diner ideal for entertaining / Modern fitted breakfast kitchen</p> <p><b>£280,000</b></p>	<p><b>Red Lion Lane</b> NORTON CANES</p>  <p>Four bedroom detached family home / Large plot with a segregated rear courtyard / Modern fitted dining kitchen with a high specification finish</p> <p><b>Offers in the Region Of £270,000</b></p>
<p><b>Colliers Way</b> HUNTINGTON</p>  <p>Immaculately Presented Five Bedroom Detached House / Set Over Three Storeys / Five Double Bedrooms / Driveway With Ample Parking / Single Garage / Modern Open Plan Kitchen-Diner</p> <p><b>£267,500</b></p>	<p><b>Wellington Drive</b> CANNOCK</p>  <p>Extended &amp; immaculately presented three bedroom detached bungalow / Finished to good standard / Superb open plan dining kitchen / Spacious lounge &amp; bedrooms / Useful attic room</p> <p><b>Offers in the Region Of £259,950</b></p>	<p><b>Clover Meadows</b> HEATH HAYES</p>  <p>Well presented four bedroom detached house / Large plot at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac / Private South facing rear garden / Spacious lounge &amp; open plan L shaped dining kitchen</p> <p><b>Offers in the Region Of £250,000</b></p>	<p><b>Bower Lane</b> ETCHING HILL</p>  <p>Charming two/three bedroom character property built in the 1800s / Potential building plot / Sought after semi rural location / Quadruple garage</p> <p><b>£250,000</b></p>	<p><b>Oaken Hurst Avenue</b> HAWKSYARD</p>  <p>Four bedroom detached house / Set on large corner plot in a sought after area / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation set over three floors / Three double bedrooms and one single</p> <p><b>£240,000</b></p>	<p><b>Green Meadows</b> HEATH HAYES</p>  <p>Four/five bedroom detached house / Quiet sought after cul-de-sac / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation / Useful downstairs bedroom and shower room</p> <p><b>£240,000</b></p>
<p><b>Grouse Way</b> HEATH HAYES</p>  <p>Immaculately presented three bedroom detached family home / Sought after location / Open plan dining kitchen / Three double bedrooms / Driveway and garage providing ample off road parking</p> <p><b>£239,950</b></p>	<p><b>Marigold Close</b> HEATH HAYES</p>  <p>Well presented three bedroom detached house / Set down sought after cul-de-sac / Open plan lounge / Modern fitted breakfast kitchen / South facing private rear garden with conservatory / En-suite to</p> <p><b>Offers in Excess of £220,000</b></p>	<p><b>Green Heath Road</b> HEDNESFORD</p>  <p>Charming three bedroom character property / Spacious reception rooms and bedrooms / Double garage-workshop plus driveway / Stylish modern re-fitted kitchen and re-fitted bathroom</p> <p><b>£210,000</b></p>	<p><b>Rudyard Way</b> BRIDGTOWN</p>  <p>Well presented three bedroom semi detached house / Spacious lounge-diner / Modern fitted kitchen / Good sized bedrooms / Private rear garden / NHBC guarantee / Integral garage &amp; off road parking</p> <p><b>£210,000</b></p>	<p><b>Lapwing Close</b> CHESLYN HAY</p>  <p>Immaculately presented three bedroom detached house / End of a quiet cul-de-sac close to a nature trail / Tastefully decorated and finished to a high standard / Victorian style conservatory / Driveway</p> <p><b>Offers in the Region Of £210,000</b></p>	<p><b>Grange Road</b> NORTON CANES</p>  <p>Three bedroom semi detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Short walk away from Chasewater / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation / Open plan kitchen-diner</p> <p><b>£190,000</b></p>
<p><b>Langtree Close</b> HEATH HAYES</p>  <p>Two bedroom detached bungalow / quiet cul-de-sac / NO ONWARD CHAIN / quiet cul-de-sac / two double bedrooms / Detached garage / Good sized rubber mac driveway with parking for</p> <p><b>Offers in Excess of £185,000</b></p>	<p><b>Walsall Road</b> GREAT WYRLEY</p>  <p>Traditional three bedroom semi detached house / NO ONWARD CHAIN &amp; VACANT POSSESSION / Set back from main road / Good sized front lawn &amp; four car driveway / Extended breakfast kitchen to rear</p> <p><b>£180,000</b></p>	<p><b>Holly Lane</b> GREAT WYRLEY</p>  <p>Well presented three bedroom family home / Spacious dining-kitchen / Modern conservatory with under floor heating / Good sized bedrooms / Private rear garden / Driveway with parking for three</p> <p><b>Offers in Excess of £180,000</b></p>	<p><b>Glenthorne Drive</b> GREAT WYRLEY</p>  <p>Three bedroom semi detached house / Open plan lounge-diner / Fitted kitchen with separate breakfast room / Modern conservatory / Good sized private landscaped rear garden / Integral garage &amp;</p> <p><b>Offers in the Region Of £176,000</b></p>	<p><b>Strauss Drive</b> HEATH HAYES</p>  <p>Well presented three storey town house / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Spacious living &amp; sleeping accommodation / Modern fitted kitchen &amp; bathroom / Victorian conservatory / Private rear garden / Driveway,</p> <p><b>Offers in Excess of £175,000</b></p>	<p><b>Somerset Avenue</b> RUGELEY</p>  <p>Immaculately presented three bedroom semi detached house / Tastefully decorated and finished to a high standard / Welcoming reception hallway / Superb new fitted modern kitchen</p> <p><b>£170,000</b></p>

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**Windsor Close**  
RUGELEY



Well presented three bedroom town house / Set over three floors / Three double bedrooms / Two separate bathrooms / Good sized open plan lounge-diner / Private rear garden / Parking for two vehicles

Offers in Excess of £165,000

**Harrow Close**  
BRERETON



Three bedroom detached house / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / NHBC guarantee with 3-4 years remaining / Tastefully decorated lounge-diner, rear garden / Two double bedrooms / Modern fitted full bathroom

Offers in Excess of £160,000

**Gorse Lane**  
GREAT WYRLEY



Well presented two bedroom semi detached house / Impressive open plan kitchen diner / Two car driveway / Mature private south facing rear garden / Two double bedrooms / Modern fitted full bathroom

£150,000

**High Mount Street**  
HEDNESFORD



Charming two bedroom character property / Finished to a good standard and immaculately presented throughout / Spacious reception rooms and bedrooms / Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom

£140,000

**Pine View**  
RUGELEY



Three bedroom semi detached house / Entrance porch / Open plan kitchen-diner / Shared driveway with access to rear garage / Parking space / Lawn offering further parking

Offers in Excess of £140,000

**Chapel Street**  
HEATH HAYES



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**Station Street**  
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Two bedroom end terraced house / Two spacious reception rooms / Modern fitted shower room / Good sized & charming private rear garden / Cellar

£130,000

**Albert Street**  
CHADSMOOR



Well presented traditional one bedroom bungalow / Large rear garden / New carpets throughout / Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom / Spacious lounge and double bedroom /

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**Rembrandt Close**  
HEATH HAYES



Well presented two bedroom mid terraced house / NO ONWARD CHAIN / New modern fitted bathroom / Modern kitchen / Good sized lounge / Off road parking & private rear garden

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CANNOCK



Well presented two bedroom semi detached house / Undergone some refurbishment- renovation / Spacious lounge / Modern fitted kitchen & shower room / Two double bedrooms & private rear garden

£125,000

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HEATH HAYES



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Two bedroom end terraced house / Newly fitted kitchen / Spacious lounge / Private rear garden / Allocated parking

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**Bank Street**  
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Two bedroom end terraced house / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / Private rear garden / Two good sized reception rooms

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CHESLYN HAY



Modern two bedroom first floor apartment / Situated at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac / Spacious open plan living area / Good size bedrooms

£110,000


**Hednesford Road**  
HEATH HAYES



Traditional two bedroom end terraced house / Recently refurbished / Newly fitted kitchen & bathroom / Spacious reception rooms / Good sized bedrooms / NO ONWARD CHAIN

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**Cannoct Road**  
CANNOCK



Well presented two bedroom traditional semi detached house / Two double bedrooms / Generous rear garden with parking for up to three vehicles / Rear courtyard area / Storage outbuildings

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**Woottons Court**  
CANNOCK



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CANNOCK



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HEATH HAYES



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Offers Around £170,000

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Three Bedrooms  
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## Badgers Way, Heath Hayes



Offers Around £200,000

Link Detached Property  
Lounge  
Three Bedrooms

Kitchen  
Conservatory  
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## Littleworth Road, Cannock



Offers Around £215,000

Family Home  
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Ample Parking  
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## Huntsmans Rise, Cannock



Offers Around £150,000

Detached Property  
Three Bedrooms  
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Lounge  
Garage  
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## Lichfield Road, Armitage

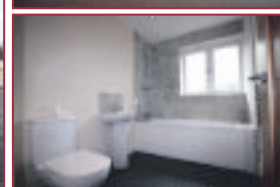


Offers Around £190,000

Semi Detached Bungalow  
Three Bedrooms  
Lounge

Kitchen  
Courtyard  
EPC D

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Possible part exchange considered, T&C's apply

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Offers Around £150,000

## Bridges Road, Norton Canes



Offers Around £170,000

Semi Detached Property  
Three Bedrooms  
Kitchen / Diner

Conservatory  
Rear Garden  
EPC C

## Pye Green Road, Cannock



Offers Around £290,000

Detached Bungalow  
Three Double Bedrooms  
Modern Kitchen

Extensive Garden  
Garage with potential for conversion  
EPC D

## Boxer Close, Handsacre



Bungalow  
Two Bedrooms  
Lounge / Diner  
Kitchen  
Garage  
EPC D

Offers Around  
£220,000

## King Cup Drive, Huntington



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Kitchen / Diner  
Garage  
Rear Garden  
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- No upward chain

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HEDNESFORD, CORSICAN DRIVE

- Detached Residence
- Corner Position
- Generous Plot
- Double Garage

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BURNTWOOD, PRINCESS STREET

- Detached Residence
- En-Suite To Master Bedroom
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Garage

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GREAT WYRLEY, SPRING DRIVE

- Impressive detached bungalow
- Private Cul-de-Sac location
- Spacious lounge, kitchen
- Large conservatory

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GREAT WYRLEY, HILTON LANE

- Traditional Double Bay Detached
- No Upward Chain
- Generous Garden
- Refitted Kitchen

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CHESLYN HAY, KESTREL WAY

- Extended Link Detached House
- Sought After Location
- Viewing Highly Recommended
- Beautiful Gardens

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CHESLYN HAY, DUNDALK LANE

- Exceptional Bungalow
- Sought After Location
- No Upward Chain
- Garage

Burntwood Office - £215,000



BURNTWOOD, QUEEN STREET

- Spacious Lounge
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Garage & Driveway
- No Upward Chain

Burntwood Office - Guide Price £190,000



BURNTWOOD, RUGELEY ROAD

- Link Detached Bungalow
- Prime Location
- Guide Price £190,000
- Auction T&Cs Apply

Great Wyrley Office - £169,995



GREAT WYRLEY, QUINTON AVENUE

- Semi-detached Residence
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Playing Fields To Rear

Burntwood Office - £149,950



BURNTWOOD, HAWTHORNE CRES

- Extended Semi-Detached Residence
- 3 Reception Rooms
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### Herondale, Hednesford

**£99,950**


CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market

for sale this two bedroom flat located in Hednesford.

The property briefly comprises of lounge, kitchen, two

bedrooms and bathroom. Energy rating: C.



### Waterbrook Way, Bridgtown

**£124,950**


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Bridgtown. The property comprises of entrance hall,

lounge, kitchen / diner, two bedrooms, bathroom, rear

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### Wolverhampton Road, Cannock

**£129,950**


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this three bedroom semi-detached property located in

Cannock, close to the town centre. The property briefly

comprises of lounge, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom,

downstairs bathroom, three bedrooms and rear garden.

Energy rating: D.



### Fairoaks Drive, Great Wyrley

**£142,000**


CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for

sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in

Great Wyrley. The property briefly comprises of entrance

porch, hall, lounge / diner, kitchen, three bedrooms,

bathroom, driveway providing off road parking and

garage. Energy rating: awaited.



### Keats Avenue, Cannock

**£154,950**


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this two bedroom semi-detached property located in

Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance

hall, lounge, kitchen / breakfast area, rear hall, work

room / storage, inner hall, downstairs bathroom, family

room, two bedrooms, loft storage area and garage.

Energy rating: awaited.



### Lakeside Boulevard, Cannock

**£160,000**


Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale

this three bedroom mid-terraced house located in

Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance

hall, downstairs wc, lounge, modern fitted kitchen/

diner, three bedrooms all of a good size, modern fitted

bathroom and to the rear there is a garden, separate

garage and a parking space. Energy rating: B.



### Grange Crescent, Penkridge

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lounge, kitchen/diner, utility room. On the first floor

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benefits from a detached garage and a block paved

driveway for multiple cars, as well as a landscaped front

garden and a pleasant rear garden. Energy Rating:-

awaited



### Cannock Road, Cannock

**£170,000**


CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for

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The property comprises of entrance porch, lounge,

kitchen, downstairs WC, three bedrooms, bathroom,

driveway providing off road parking, and garage. Energy

rating: E.



### Comfrey Close, Huntington

**£220,000**


Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for

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en-suite, modern fitted bathroom, driveway providing off

road parking as well as an additional graveled driveway

for further parking and garage. Energy rating: C



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### Walsall Road, Cannock £225,000



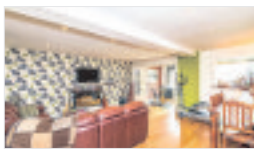
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### Francis Close, Penkridge £245,000



Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached property located in Penkridge. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, dining room, lounge, kitchen / diner, downstairs shower room, utility room, three bedrooms, bathroom, loft room with en-suite and driveway providing off road parking. Energy rating: awaited.



### Armitage Road, Rugeley £285,000



Connells Estate Agents are extremely please to present this simply stunning and characterful home in the town of Rugeley having been sympathetically upgraded throughout to keep plenty of period features and also incorporate a good modern style, this family home has to be viewed. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, sitting rooms, dining area, kitchen, utility / cloakroom, four bedrooms - one with en-suite and off road parking. Energy rating: E.



### Keys Close, Hednesford £289,950



Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this four bedroom detached property located in Hednesford. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen/diner, utility room, conservatory, four double bedrooms - master having en-suite, bathroom, driveway providing off road parking, front and rear lawn areas and garage. Energy rating: E.



### Francis Green Lane, Penkridge £349,950



This is your chance to purchase a detached property in an outstanding position in Penkridge. The property stands in one of the most desirable roads and is quite deceptive as from the front you wouldn't believe that the property briefly comprises of a grand entrance hall, lounge, extended dining room, kitchen/diner, study, large utility room, downstairs WC and garage whilst upstairs you have three double bedrooms, master with en-suite shower room, family bathroom, large walk in cupboard as well as a further airing cupboard. Externally you have a pleasant, low maintenance rear garden which is currently all patio and gravel beds however the potential for a large lawn area is there. To the front you have a large block paved driveway and a front garden. Energy rating: E.



### The Meadows, Wedges Mills £360,000



Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this five bedroom detached property located in Wedges Mills. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs wc, lounge, kitchen / diner, conservatory, five bedrooms with two bedrooms having en-suite, bathroom and shower room. Energy rating: C.



### Littleworth Hill, Hednesford £390,000



CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this four bedroom detached property located in Hednesford. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, dining area, cloakroom / study, kitchen, utility room, downstairs WC, four bedrooms - master bedroom having en-suite and walk in wardrobe, bathroom and an annex with lounge / kitchen diner, kitchen, wet room, two bedrooms and storage areas. Energy rating: D.



### Orchard Court, Hill Ridware £449,950



CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom barn conversion located in Rugeley. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs wc, kitchen / diner, utility room, three bedrooms - two having en-suite and one having a dressing area, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: C.



### New Penkridge Road, Shoal Hill £995,000



This property houses some of the highest quality features such as integrated home surround sound system, central vacuum system in most rooms, extensive programmable lighting, telephone intercom system and under floor heating throughout the whole house. Having a total of six bedrooms all of which have en-suites, the property briefly comprises of a porch, entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, dining room, conservatory, study, modern fitted kitchen, utility room, downstairs bedroom complete with en-suite, double garage. On the first floor you have four bedrooms, all four have en-suites then on the second floor you have a further two bedrooms, one of which has an en-suite. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen/dining living room, party cupboard, utility room, rear entrance porch, downstairs wet room, downstairs WC, swimming pool, five bedrooms - all having en-suites with the master bedroom having its own dressing room area, games room, gym room, wine cellar, in and out driveway providing off road parking for multiple vehicles and double garage, entertaining patio area to the rear with separate lawn area and various trees and shrubs amongst. Energy rating: C.





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- One Bed Flat
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- Kitchen
- Shower Room
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- NO DSS OR PETS

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- Shower Room
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- Energy Rating C
- No DSS/Pets

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- 2 Bed Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen-Diner
- GCH/DG
- Gardens
- Energy Rating C

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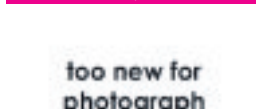
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## STATION ROAD, HEDNESFORD



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- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Driveway
- Large Garden
- Energy Rating E

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## LANGHOLM DRIVE, HEATH HAYES



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- Kitchen/Diner
- Shower Room
- GCH, DG
- Gardens, Garage
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

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## PENDLE HILL, HEDNESFORD



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- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
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- No Upward Chain

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- Family Bathroom
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- Spacious Lounge/ Diner

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- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite & Family Bathroom
- Integral Garage & Driveway
- Front & Delightful Rear Gardens

## MOUNT STREET, HEDNESFORD



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- Family Lounge
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Large Gardens / Ample CRP

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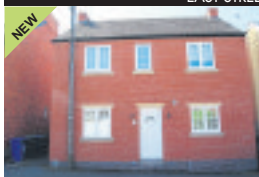
## ELIZABETHAN WAY, RUGELEY



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- Spacious Lounge, Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom, Shower Room
- Garage & Driveway
- Front & Rear Gardens
- No Chain

£165,000

## EAST STREET, BRIDGTOWN



- A Modern Well Presented Three Bedroom Detached House
- Entrance House, Spacious Family Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen Diner, Guest WC

£160,000



- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite & Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden & Parking at Rear

## PEBBLE MILL COURT, CANNOCK



- Well Presented Ground Floor Flat
- Spacious Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Shower Room
- Parking & Garage
- Communal Gardens
- Ideal Location

£145,000



- A Spacious Semi Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking at Rear
- Gardens

£125,000 No Chain

## MEADOWBROOK CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



- A modern well presented ground floor apartment
- GCH & D/G
- Open plan lounge & Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite & bathroom
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## HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK



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# New Skoda Karoq replacing the Yeti

By James Parker

Škoda has revealed the curiously named Karoq, the Czech manufacturer's new crossover. The Škoda Karoq is the newest addition to the Czech manufacturer's line-up. Built to replace the function-over-form Yeti, Škoda will be hoping the Karoq can tap into the massive upmarket crossover segment in a way its predecessor never quite managed. It's slightly larger than the car it replaces, which Škoda says gives passengers more room inside.

Boot space is an impressive 521 litres – the back seats can be removed to give an estate-like 1,820 litres of storage. Inside there's a digital instrument panel and the latest iteration of Škoda's infotainment system.

The infotainment building blocks come from the second generation of the group's modular infotainment kit, offering state-of-the-art functions, interfaces and equipped with capacitive touch displays.

Top-spec versions come with a WLAN hotspot and SmartLink+, which is compatible with Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and MirrorLink.

The freely programmable digital instrument panel is available for the first time in a Škoda. In the Karoq, the cockpit displays can be set to the driver's individual wishes.

Full LED headlights with clear-lens optics are available as an option for the Karoq from the Ambition equipment line and higher. In the interior, new LED ambient lighting in the door strips of doors and the dashboard creates a



It is the latest addition to Škoda's line-up



Boot space is impressive in the new car



The Karoq is slightly larger than the car it replaces giving passengers more room

pleasant atmosphere, which can be set in ten colours.

There are five engines options in the form of two petrol and three diesels. The smallest is a 1.0-litre petrol making 114bhp, with the biggest and most powerful being the diesel 2.0-litre with 138bhp. The latter engine comes with four-wheel-drive as standard.

All drivetrains are turbo-charged direct injection units and feature start-stop technology and brake energy recovery. They are extremely economical and comply with EU 6 regulations.

With the exception of the most powerful diesel, all drivetrains can be ordered with a 6-speed manual gearbox or 7-speed DSG.

The 2.0 TDI with 140 kW (190 hp) comes as standard with 4x4 drive and 7-speed DSG. The new 1.5 TSI has the special feature of cylinder deactivation.

As is becoming the norm for these appealing family vehicles, there are plenty of driver assistance features.

These include a parking assistant, traffic-jam

assistant and predictive pedestrian protection.

Škoda's 'Strategy 2025' sees the brand aggressively expanding its model lineup with a focus on SUVs. The recent introduction of the Kodiaq marked the first time the brand had a full-size SUV on offer.

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## MOTORING

# Pretty perfect balance

By Simon Davies

The formula for the BMW 4 Series is a simple one, really. Take one regular 3 Series, remove the rear doors for a sportier, coupe body style and slap a 4 Series badge on the back. The 440i Coupe we have here – with the exception of the barnstorming M4 – is the flagship model in the 4 Series line-up.

To the untrained eye, the changes to this latest version are rather subtle. The exterior has been gently redesigned, with some fancy LED lights appearing at the front and rear of the car.

Inside, BMW has worked to improve the cabin's 'perceived quality', adding three new upholstery colours to the options list, as well as three new choices for interior trim strips.

While it might be a familiar shape, there's no denying the face-lifted BMW 440i is still an incredibly smart-looking car. It cuts the right balance between muscular athleticism and reserved refinement, giving it a near-perfect Q-car appearance – particularly on the smaller wheels and winter tyres that were fitted to our test car.

Open the door and lower yourself into the snug seats and you'll find a cabin that oozes quality in that classic BMW fashion. Everything feels purposeful and solidly put together, while the controls all fall easily to hand. Hard, scratchy plastics are tough to find, with only a small amount adorning the lower reaches of the doors.



There are new LED rear lights

However, while the BMW's interior might look the part, the seats fitted to our test car were on the firm side, which left us feeling rather stiff after an afternoon blatting around the German countryside.

Up front, the driver and passenger will find head and shoulder room more than abundant. While this might be a sports coupe, you'll feel a long way from claustrophobic. Aside from the rather unforgiving seats, complaints should be kept to a minimum in this department.

Yes, the 440i does have a set of rear seats – although you'll find them close to useless when it comes to ferrying around anyone other than children.

Stick to the 3 Series if you want properly usable back seats.

Boot space is abundant, with the 440i offering up a respectable 425 litres of storage capacity – more than enough to swallow a couple of suitcases.

Prices for the 440i start at a

BMW 440i, FROM £43,430



It is an incredibly smart-looking car

considerable £43,430 – meaning it isn't exactly a cheap car to buy.

That said though, it is only available in the M Sport trim, which does include a fair amount of goodies as standard, such as 18-inch alloys, M Sport suspension, satellite navigation, more aggressive body styling, leather upholstery and LED headlamps and tail lamps.

A particular highlight is the 440i's infotainment system, which is arguably one of the best currently on sale. The dash-mounted display is incredibly fluid and very easy to read. The head-up display that

is included as part of the BMW Professional Plus package is also a nice touch, showing information such as speed and sat-nav prompts directly in the driver's line of sight, and reducing time spent with your eyes off the road.

The BMW 440i is targeted at successful, middle-aged buyers who want the sportiness that its 3.0-litre six-cylinder engine provides, without the high-performance set-up of the M4.

To many, the 440i will offer the perfect balance between everyday drivability and high-speed fun.

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The current range of Ford Fiestas

# The best-selling car in Europe is Ford Fiesta

By James Parker

The Ford Fiesta is the best-selling car in Europe, according to Ford analysis of March 2017 industry data.

Customers purchased 47,000 Fiestas in March, a 12 per cent increase year-over-year, to overtake the Volkswagen Golf as the region's top-selling passenger car.

The Ford Fiesta has been the UK best-seller for eight years and, in a record sales month in the UK, it notched up 25,428 sales.

Almost 70 per cent of Fiesta sales in March were high-specification models, including 17 per cent in top specification Titanium series. Fiesta sales helped fuel a new car registration boom in Europe that saw a record 1.93 million sales in March – a 10.8 per cent increase year-over-year. Europe has now overtaken the U.S. to become the world's second largest region for new car registrations.

Ford sold 199,900 vehicles in Europe in March (up 14 per cent year-over-year), including 156,200 passenger vehicles (up 16 per cent year-over-year). This makes Ford the second best-selling vehicle brand in Europe with a total vehicle market share of 9.2 per cent.



The all-new Fiesta goes on sale this summer

"Fiesta was again our best-selling vehicle in March, making up 12 per cent of Ford total vehicle sales. Customers continue to be attracted by Fiesta's distinctive style, powerful but fuel-efficient engines, and class-leading fun to drive character," said Roelant de Waard, vice-president, market sales and service, Ford of Europe. "March was a stand-out month for Ford in Europe, with sales increases across the board."

Of Europe's five largest markets for car sales – Germany, the U.K., France, Italy and Spain – Spain recorded the most significant growth for Fiesta with sales increasing 97 per cent year-over-year in March. In Italy, Fiesta sales increased 21 per cent and in Germany 18 per cent year-over-year.

The UK – where Fiesta is the best-selling vehicle nameplate of all time – saw a sales increase of 8 per cent year-over-year, while Hungary, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Romania, Switzerland and the Netherlands also recorded significant increases in Fiesta registrations.

The all-new Ford Fiesta goes on sale in Europe this summer offering four distinctive versions, including the stylish Fiesta Titanium, the Ford Performance-inspired Fiesta ST-Line and the upscale Fiesta Vignale.

An all-new Fiesta Active crossover – the first in a new line-up of Active vehicles to be rolled out across the Ford range in years to come – and the next-generation Ford Fiesta ST, powered by an all-new 200PS, three-cylinder, 1.5-litre EcoBoost engine, will follow in early 2018.

Featuring the most sophisticated driver assistance technologies and connectivity features ever in a volume small car in Europe, all-new Fiesta debuts an enhanced Pedestrian Detection system that can help prevent collisions at night; and the first Ford Active Park Assist system that can deliver brake interventions to prevent low-speed bumps when parking hands-free.

Cutting-edge powertrains include Ford's multi-award winning 1.0-litre EcoBoost petrol engine offering up to 140PS, and a 1.5-litre TDCi diesel offering 120PS – the first high-power diesel Fiesta powertrain.

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# Paddleboarding Italian coast in a Kia Picanto!

By James Baggott

It's all too easy to pigeon-hole cars like the Kia Picanto as city centre shopping karts, fit for nothing more than a quick trip to the supermarket.

While it might be true that the Korean car firm's baby has traditionally been bought by grandparents and students, it's an image the brand is desperately hoping it can shed. This is the third generation of Kia's second best-selling UK car and with it comes more aggressive looks, sharper driving style and technology aimed at helping it appeal to a far broader range of buyers.

Kia believes it can convince customers that while it might still be an easy and fun to drive little car, the new Picanto can still cope with the bigger adventures city dwellers might hanker for too. That's why I find myself squeezed into a wet suit, dripping with sea water after a paddle-boarding adventure on the Italian coastline.

To prove just how versatile its new Picanto can be if you want it to, Kia invited us to the Toscana coastline, crammed two blow-up paddleboards, wet suits and a picnic in one and pointed us towards the coast.

Costing from just £9,450, the Picanto now boasts more passenger and luggage space but with no overall increase in size over the previous model. The Koreans have managed that by increasing the wheelbase while at the same time reducing overhangs. That means inside there's a 25 per cent increase in luggage space, topping 255-litres with the rear seats up and 1,010-litres with them down. That extra carrying capacity certainly comes in handy. The two giant inflatable paddleboards



**You'd be surprised at what you can pack in a Picanto** are easily swallowed in the boot, while overnight bags for two and accessories find a home too. In fact, it's surprising just how much space there is left over.

There's a choice of engines in the new model. Our test vehicle – in '2' specification – features the 1.0-litre 68bhp unit. But there's also a 1.25-litre 83bhp option and a soon-to-be-added 1.0-litre turbocharged option. As fun as the latter sounds, even the lowest output unit hauls the city car along at a perfectly adequate rate (despite a lot of luggage) hitting 60mph in 13.8 seconds and a top speed of 100mph. What's more it'll do that while sipping fuel at a miserly 64.2mpg rate on the combined cycle.

Crossing the rich, lush green vine-covered Italian countryside near Grosseto as we attempt to find the beach, the Picanto's light steering and peppy engine impresses, as does its ability to soak up potholes you'd fear would otherwise swallow it.

As we approach the beach, the asphalt crumbles away and the Picanto skips between giant holes littering the sand-covered track to the water. After unpacking all of the kit, it's impressive just how much has been pushed into the pleasantly practical Picanto.

While drying off in the supportive front seats of the Kia, there's time to play with the kit. It's functional not flashy inside, and despite the smaller screen for the multimedia system on this mid-range '2', it still works well with your phone, streaming Spotify perfectly.

There's air conditioning, electric front and rear windows, heated door mirrors and leather trimmed steering wheel to enjoy and that's on top of the options standard across the range which include remote central locking, USB and AUX ports, electronic stability control and automatic city braking.

The latter was well demonstrated on our return trip, triggering when a sheep strayed into the middle of the road. The system automatically brakes for drivers up to speeds of 50mph to a complete stop when it sensing a crash – in this case assisting to the point where the sheep narrowly avoids becoming another statistic.

Kia has certainly moved its Picanto on leaps and bounds from its predecessor. On the road it's sharper to drive, quieter and sportier than ever before. Its new tech – which on higher spec models even includes Apple CarPlay and Android Auto – is impressive, while it's a comfortable car to spend time in. What's more, it's always satisfying to know that even though it's a car unlikely to shed that blue rinse stereotype, if you are a more adventurous owner it can cope admirably with all the kit you'll need to escape city life.



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Late of View Street, Hednesford.

Passed away on April 29, 2017, aged 81 years.

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Of Moss Road, Chadsmoor, Cannock.

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**Doreen Mary**

Passed away peacefully at Princess Royal Hospital, on May 2, 2017, aged 85 years.

Doreen will be sadly missed by all her loving Family.

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**Joan Cynthia**

Passed away at County Hospital, Stafford on May 3, aged 87 years.

Much loved Wife of 39 years to devoted Husband Gary, treasured Mother to Daughter Linden and Grandmother to Beth and Samuel.

A Service will be held at Stafford Crematorium to celebrate her life on Monday, May 15, at 3.30pm.

Donations in lieu of flowers are for Katharine House Hospice.

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### NOBLE

**Nigel**

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Mrs. H. Baz, Chris, Barry, Maur, Trev, Kaz, Mart and All their Families.

### PITCHER

**Eileen Muriel**

Passed away peacefully, at home, on April 27, 2017, aged 83 years.

Eileen will be sadly missed by all her loving Family and Friends.

Funeral Service to be held at Stafford Crematorium on Friday, May 19, 2017, at 12 noon.

Donations if desired to MASE (Monthly Alzheimer's Support Group).

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**Eileen**

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Robert, Julie and John, Adam and Amy, Brenda and Sylvia.

God looked around His garden and found an empty place, He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest, God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain, He knew that you would never get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb, so He closed your weary eyelids and whispered 'peace be thine'.

It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

### TAYLOR

**Brian James**

Passed away peacefully on Monday, May 1, 2017, aged 76 years.

A gentleman, who is very much loved and will be sadly missed by all his Family and many Friends.

The Funeral Service is to be held on Thursday, May 18 at 1.15pm, at Great Wyrley Methodist Church, followed by Committal at Stafford Crematorium.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, can be made for Katharine House Hospice.

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### WORDLEY

**Colin**

Dear Dad we think about you always, we talk about you still. You have never been forgotten, Dad and you never will.

We hold you close within our hearts, and there you will remain.

All our love Julie and Keith.  
X X X

### WYKE

**Anthony David**

**(Tony)**

Passed away at home on April 30, 2017, aged 72 years. Funeral Service to take place at St Michael's Church, Brereton, on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 12.30pm.

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We have so many memories they often make us cry,

but the love that's locked within our hearts, will live and never die.

Miss you more every single day.

Always in our hearts.

Love Elizabeth, Richard and Neil.

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### BENTON

**Gary**

Of Great Wyrley

Passed away 1 year.

My memories of you are treasured today and always.

Brother Ray.



### BENTON

**Gary**

**Brother**

No matter where I go, no matter what I do,

I will always love and remember you.

God bless

Ann

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## BENTON

**Gary**

One year passed Uncle Gary. Sadly missed and never forgotten.

Debbie, Karen and Family.

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## EVANS

**Thomas**

**(Tom)**

May 6, 1966.

Never more than a thought away. Loved and remembered every day.

Love always your Family.

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## JONES

**Pauline**

**Wife**

Died, May 11, 2016.

A year has passed since that sad day.

You closed your eyes and slipped away and broke the hearts of all of us.

Your face is always with me, your voice I would like to hear, your smile I shall always remember of a Wife I loved so dear.

Never forgotten.

Loving Husband Eifion.

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## Mom

She was a Mom so very rare, content in her home and always there, on earth she toiled, in Heaven she rests, God bless you Mom, you were the best.

Love you always.

Kerri and Karl and In-laws Phil and Adele.

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## Nan

May the winds of love blow softly and whisper for you to hear, that we'll always love and miss you and wish you were here.

Love, Jordan, Harry and Josh.

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## birthday remembrances



### EVANS

**May**

Happy Birthday special lady.

Our Dearest Mom, Nan and Great Nan, 108 years May 8th.

Remembering this day, all the happy Birthdays, shared together and sending you our love that will last forever.

God bless.

Your Family.

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### PUGH

**John**

Today, May 15, 2017, you would have been 80.

Happy Birthday my love.

We miss you our hearts still ache with sadness and many tears still flow.

What it meant to lose you -one will ever know.

We hold you close within our hearts and there you will remain.

To walk with us through our lives until we meet again. From your loving Wife Pam, Daughter Caroline and Grandchildren.

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### WALKER

**Phyllis**

**May 7.**

Loved and missed every day.

God bless.

Geoff, Christine, Grandson Kristian, Eve and Great-Granddaughters.

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## acknowledgements

### DANDO

**Robert**

19.4.71 - 21.2.17

Val, John and Family would like to thank Family, Friends and Neighbours for attending Roberts Funeral.

For all the sympathy cards and donations received for Leukaemia.

A very special thank you to Anthony and Darren of Maquire's Funeral Directors, Pye Green for all their compassion, help and a lovely Service.

God bless you All.

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**Leslie Kenneth**

Hilda and Anne would like to thank Family and Friends for cards and floral tributes on the occasion of Ken's life.

Special thanks to Gwyn Taylor for the lovely Service. To Sellmans for their great help. Old Wyrley Hall for refreshments.

The Residents of Berwyn Grove your cards, flowers and kindness was overwhelming.

Bless you.

### EMBERTON

**Horace**

July 12, 1931 - April 7, 2017.

The Wife and Family of Horace would like to thank everyone for the lovely sympathy cards and donations which raised £500 for St. Giles Hospice.

Special thanks to all Nurses who looked after him at home.

God bless you all.

Also, Rev. Graham Horner for a lovely Service.

### HAWKINS

**James**

**(Jim)**

The Family would like to sincerely thank their extended Family, many Friends and Neighbours for their love and support during their devastating loss.

Also, for their very generous donations for the Birmingham Children's Hospital, which amounted to £700.

Many, many thanks.

Valerie Hawkins.

## birthdays

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6.5.1977

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## coming of age

**PAGE LUKE**

8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1996

**HAPPY 21<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY LUKE.**

**LOVE MOM, DAD AND MEGAN.**

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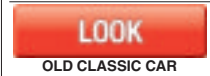
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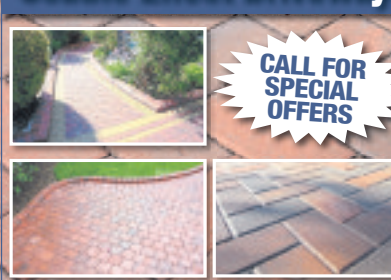
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Alan Kennedy and David May both have medals from going to the top table, during their playing careers, with the Reds and United respectively.

The duo will now headline an event titled 'Vintage Reds' at the Cleveland Arms Sports Bar, Stowheath Lane, on June 8.

Kennedy made all the difference with winning strikes for Liverpool in both the 1980 and 1984 European Cup finals, despite operating as a left-back. May spent nine years as a squad player at Old Trafford, where he would win two Premier League titles, two FA Cups and the now re-branded Champions League.

Tickets to see Kennedy and May start with standard entry costing £12.

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## Woffinden misses out in Grand Prix

TAI WOFFINDEN went agonisingly close to a semi-final spot in the opening Speedway Grand Prix of the year – but he was still happy with his work.

The Great Britain star notched eight-points in Krsko, Slovenia, not quite enough to make the cut. But he won two heats along the way and insists he's laid the foundations to build on in the long season ahead.

He said: "I'm taking the positives from the first Grand Prix and I've put eight points on the board which is a solid start."

"It's not bad but could have been better, that's the best way to sum up how I feel about it. It's good to get the first one out of the way and it gives me something to build on. Of course it was a shame to miss out on the semi-finals but I've got something to work on."

Woffinden admitted he felt race rusty at the start line after a lack of competitive racing in the build-up to Slovenia.

"There were some starts I made a bit of a jump at but that's down to being race rusty. Starts are such a big part of this sport and you have to be in the groove which isn't easy when you've not raced much."

"As I say there's lots to work on, lots to improve on and I'm sure we'll get there."

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Five clubs and centres – Aldridge, Sandwell Valley, Dudley, Himley Hall and Greensforge – will be opening their gates for open days and 'taster' events before the nine-day festival ends on Sunday, May 21.

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All equipment for the Push The Boat Out initiative will be provided, and refreshments will be available. All that is required are a towel and a pair of old trainers.

To find your nearest event and for full details of exactly what is going on and when at each participating sailing club and centre, visit [www.rya.org.uk/PTBO](http://www.rya.org.uk/PTBO) – to search for an event where disabled people can get on the water tick the 'Sailability' activities box.

# Trevor, you will never now be forgotten again

## SPORTING MEMORIES

Report by John Scott

**NOBODY** knew who he was when he returned from his new home in Canada to the city of his glory days. But the name of Trevor Gadd will never be forgotten again.

For it has just been decided that it will be added to Wolverhampton's Sporting Hall of Fame later this year.

David Viner, chairman of the cycling section of Halesowen Athletic and Cycling Club of which Trevor is a life member, nominated him for the award.

He said: "I am delighted that the nomination has been accepted. I believe Trevor has been an under-valued sportsman and this should help set the record straight."

### Plaques

Trevor lived in Elmdon Road, Oxley – just two miles from Aldersley Stadium where the Hall of Fame books and wall plaques are displayed – from the age of 14. He went to Elston Hall Nursery and Junior School, Wobaston Secondary Modern and Wulfrun College.

He represented Great Britain in the 1976 Olympic games, the 1977 World Track Championships and the 1978 Commonwealth Games in which he won silver medals in the individual and tandem sprints.

Sadly he was involved in a bad crash soon after the Games and retired from the sport.

At one stage he had also been a discus and hammer thrower and shared the same coach as Olympic gold medal winning javelin thrower Tessa Sanderson.

Mr Viner said: "Trevor came from a humble background and did not get any of the financial support given to riders now."

"In those days you had to give your GB jersey back at the end of the race. Lottery money has made a big difference to the life of sportsmen and women."

"Trevor moved to Canada and, a few years ago came back to see his dad."

"Aldersley Stadium meant a lot to him because he did a lot of training and riding there. He expected a warm welcome but somebody there said they had never heard of him, a comment he took personally."

Mr Viner is now hoping to encourage Trevor, now aged 65, to come back to this country once more to receive his award.

### Ambassador

The ceremony is likely to take place in September and if he cannot make it his brother, who lives in Leeds, will be asked to take his place.

Chairman of Wolverhampton's Sports Advisory Council, Peter Holmes MBE, said: "Trevor Gadd upholds all that is good in sport and is a fine ambassador for Wolverhampton."

"He also provides an immense incentive for every young cyclist."

Trevor's story tells of when he was a lad living just a couple of miles from Aldersley Stadium. He rode the track there as a schoolboy. His nickname by the spectators was 'Tiger' with his family being factory workers.

He was not sure what the other kids parents did for a living but they had the sprints and tubs while he had a road bike converted to fixed wheel with tubes and clincher tyres and could still hold his own.

Previous inductees include athlete Denise Lewis, Le Mans winning racing driver Richard Atwood and Wolves footballers Bert Williams and Billy Wright.



In action – Trevor Gadd will be added to the Sporting Hall of Fame



Trevor Gadd after winning a national sprint championship

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## Boss Tooth adds bite to Pitmen role

HEDNESFORD TOWN have appointed Neil Tooth as their new manager for next season.

Gary Birch left the Pitmen for Walsall Wood on Friday night, following which the Keys Park outfit interviewed former Sutton Coldfield Town boss Tooth. And he was subsequently handed the job on Monday.

"I'm delighted to be appointed as manager of Hednesford Town Football Club," said Tooth. "It is a fantastic club and this is a job that I am really looking forward to getting stuck into it."

"I know that we are perhaps a week or so behind other clubs but in the coming days I shall be speaking to Hednesford players from last season and also to other players about potentially signing as we look to build a squad."

"Having got Sutton promoted into this league, and then finishing 12th in the first season, I know what it is all about and I can't wait to get going with Hednesford."

Tooth will be assisted by Phil Male, first-team coach Andy Ling and former Pitmen favourite Kris Taylor, who will take up a player-coach role.

Birch, meanwhile, insists he has 'promotion in mind' at Wood - who are three tiers below the Pitmen after relegation from the Midland Premier.

Birch, who owns a ground maintenance company, said work commitments played a part in his decision to leave the Pitmen. But, living close to Wood, he was quickly appointed as their boss and will be assisted by former Chasetown defender Richard Teesdale.

"We are looking to bring in players at Walsall Wood with promotion in mind."

"We are looking to have a good pre-season, make sure we are prepared, with the aim of getting up, winning the league," said Birch.

## Club to launch All Stars programme for young players

CANNOCK Cricket Club are looking forward to launching their All Stars Cricket programme this summer.

The initiative, supported by the ECB, aims to provide five to eight year-olds with eight weeks of non-stop fun.

The activity and game-based programme is suitable for all skill levels and will provide each child with the foundations to begin a lifelong love of physical activity and cricket. The hour-long classes are hosted at Chase Park and run for eight consecutive Mondays from May 22, starting at 6.30pm. The total cost is £40 per child for all eight sessions plus kit bag including a bat, ball, water bottle, personalised shirt and cap.

Cannock CC honorary secretary Graham Machin said: "This is the biggest initiative for grassroots cricket ever launched by the ECB. We at Cannock Cricket Club are supporting it 100 per cent and will be promoting the scheme via our local cluster of primary schools."

For more information and to book a place on the course, go to <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/66cef931-86a0-49f7-9dac-3220a8722c6c>

## Island triumph for young rider Lewis

BURNTWOOD student Lewis Askey travelled to the Isle of Man for the second National Youth Circuit Series of 2017 over the holiday weekend. The Friday started with the traditional short 1.29 km prologue along Douglas promenade.

Lewis, who attends Erasmus Darwin Academy, could not have asked for a better start by completing the distance in an obliterating 1min 43.9sec, breaking the record Mark Cavendish held up to last year for the fastest under-16 rider ever on this course. The Great Britain Apprentice rider is used to breaking records, being the first youth male to ever hold four national jerseys in different cycling disciplines consisting of road, track, cycle cross and Mountain Biking.

Fifteen-year-old Lewis illustrated his versatility by taking the sprinters stage and going into Day 2 in the yellow leader's jersey ahead of Oliver Rees from Albion Cycling Co and Scotland's Alfie George from the Discovery Cycling Team.

The riders moved north of the island to Jurby for a new flat 4km road circuit where the under-16 riders were expected to complete this 16 times.



Lewis Askey could not have asked for a better start. Unusually the pace did not start as quick as most national youth races. As riders settled in Lewis attempted a number of attacks.

A final attempt was made on the last stretch to the finishing line, but Lewis made the attack slightly too early resulting in the peloton getting a sling shot and catching him on the line resulting him placing 17th out of the 50-strong field but

still claiming the same time on general classification. The final third day returned to Douglas for a new exciting tough hilly circuit along the beautiful scenic coastal roads. With all the main contenders within seconds of each other within G.C the race was guaranteed to be lively.

With the toughest climb included within the national series to be tackled 12 times it was expected the peloton would break. For the first four laps the leading peloton consisted of 15 riders until Lewis decided to test the riders and increase the pace further to see how many riders could sustain the pace; this rapidly dwindled to the four favourites of Lewis, Oliver Reece, Sam Watson from Chevin Cycles and Max Walker from the 360 Isle of Man team.

The four continued to work together well for a couple of laps but Lewis ensured he crossed the finishing line marker first every lap to claim the points for the Green Jersey too. Sam was happy to sit on Lewis's wheel for the remaining laps. It was Lewis who claimed victory by a tyre width for his second national series title of the season.

## Fordhouses win against neighbours

WEST Bromwich Dartmouth looked in trouble at 144-6 at Brockhampton in the Birmingham League Premier Division but 49 from Shozair Ali boosted them to 224 all out on completion of 50 overs.

Brockhampton were bowled out for 182 after at one stage being 64-5.

Walsall continued their bright start with a 118-run win at Dorridge who could only muster 113 in response to the visitors' 231 with new overseas player Sivakumar Duvvarapu taking 3-24.

Knowle & Dorridge earned their first win of the season at home to Wolverhampton who were bowled out for 214 in 47 overs. K&D cruised to a six wicket win with 11 overs to spare.

Smethwick are among the three sides at the top of Division One following an eight-wicket win over Bridgnorth, who were dismissed for 110.

Hosts Walmley were beaten by Himley by just two runs as they pursued 291-7. Greg Wright scored 91 for Himley, whose Stuart Wedge took 4-35 in reply.

Among the front-runners in Division Two are Fordhouses who defeated neighbours Wombourne by 18 runs.

Halesowen are still seeking their first win after defeat to C&R Hawks. Lee Evans hit 68 not out as Hawks totalled 229. Halesowen were skittled for 123 with ex-England Test player Kabir Ali taking 5-24.

Penkridge (220-7) beat Pershore by three wickets with 10 balls in hand.

At Deansfield in Division Three, Brewood (207-8) overcame newcomers Worcester Nomads by 10 runs.

Stourbridge have two wins from two after romping to a nine-wicket success at Nuneaton after the home side collapsed to 90 all out.

Sam Bates hit 77 and took 3-54 as Streety (289-9) beat Handsworth (201) by 81 runs.

## Honours even in the final game of season

Hilton Harriers 1 Cannock United 1 CANNOCK earned a draw in their final game of the season after a very stale first half where both teams looked like they were already playing pre-season.

The only highlight was a very good attempt by Josh Griffiths from a free kick 20 yards out that beat the keeper but hit the bar. Half-time, honours even.

Hilton took the lead on 46 minutes through a 30-yard strike from Willis.

Man of the Match Alex Scott never gave up on a loose ball and danced his way into scoring on 74 minutes. Largely, only Cannock were in the game for the last 20 minutes but they could not score.

# CANNOCK GAIN FIRST VICTORY

Cannock 1st XI vs Wednesbury 1st XI  
**CANNOCK 1st XI picked up their opening victory of the season with a convincing 148-run win over Wednesbury.**

Cannock were asked to bat first and were given a solid start by Adam Benton (31) and Matt Cottrell (52).

Overseas professional Nick Trebilcock held the innings together with a superb 88 as Cannock finished on 224-7 from their 50 overs.

Wednesbury's reply never got going as they were soon reduced to 13-4. Elliott Horton was the chief destroyer with 3-11. Matt Robinson also bowled nicely and took 3-11 himself as Wednesbury were dismissed for 76.

**Wightwick & Finchfield 1sts vs Cannock 2nds**  
Cannock were asked to bat first at Wightwick and soon lost two early wickets. Mike Chadderton continued his good form with 62 and Paul Greenfield scored 45 as the pair rebuilt the innings. Jamie Hill hit a quickfire 26 not out as the visitors finished on 179-6.

A half century from Rupesh Patel meant that Wightwick's run chase was always on target but a late wobble saw them needing eight runs from the final over. A scrambled two from the final ball saw the home side sneak home by four wickets.

**Wednesbury 3rd XI vs Cannock 3rd XI**

Another lost toss for captain Ant Wood saw Cannock bat first in overcast conditions. The main contributions in an innings of 198-8 were 36 from Martin Davies and 30 from Thomas Bull. Ant Wood took 3-61 but it ended up being a comfortable run chase for Wednesbury as they won by six wickets with eight overs to spare.

**Cannock 4th XI vs Springvale 3rd XI**

Cannock hosted Springvale and the home side elected to bowl first after winning the toss, going on to win by nine wickets with 20 overs remaining.

## Croquet cracker as club lift trophy



Cannock Rotary Club with their trophy after beating Shrewsbury Darwin Rotary Club

CROQUET has brought the curtain down on the Rotary district sports which started last summer.

In the croquet final at Castlecroft, Wolverhampton, Cannock Rotary Club beat Shrewsbury Darwin Rotary Club.

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